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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phalon, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Miss Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a Feline Fox to deliver *me* to...well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phalon?

Sir Keld has informed Ikkar that her Aunt Sonia, the benevolent lady of Zi Alin, is dying. But when Ikkar, Duzell and Derret rush to be by her side, they find Lady Sonia in good health, her "Tebal" shows little more than a head cold. Conviced this is more than a simple misunderstanding, Ikkar figures that Sir Keld is plotting again. After all, if she were to wed Sonia's son Yujel, Keld would become part of the royal family.

However, Ikkar has no interest in marrying Yujel. In fact, she flat-out despises him. Besides, there's the matter of finding Yujel First, as the prince of Zi Alin has been notoriously MIA for the past few months, a fact that's perfectly fine with Ikkar. She has enough on her plate, what with Duzell's constant siblinging to appear as his old self, her pending revenge against Keld, and the unrome attention of Lady Leone and her raven-haired sorceress, Disney. Leone, you see, is in love with Yujel (despite being married to his best friend) and she's positive that Yujel has set his sights on Ikkar. Which in turn means that she must set her sights on her as well, and squeeze the trigger.

And what better way to do it than a morning ride? Especially when you've replaced the princess' horse with the untrained, unbroken and completely unpredictable Stockbreaker. But the last laugh may be on Leone. After all, her beloved Yujel has been spending quality time with Ikkar for well over a year now...as her magic instructor. Yujel.





吸血遊戲
セ・アルダ
雨鏡篇
Act.4



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Zi
Alda

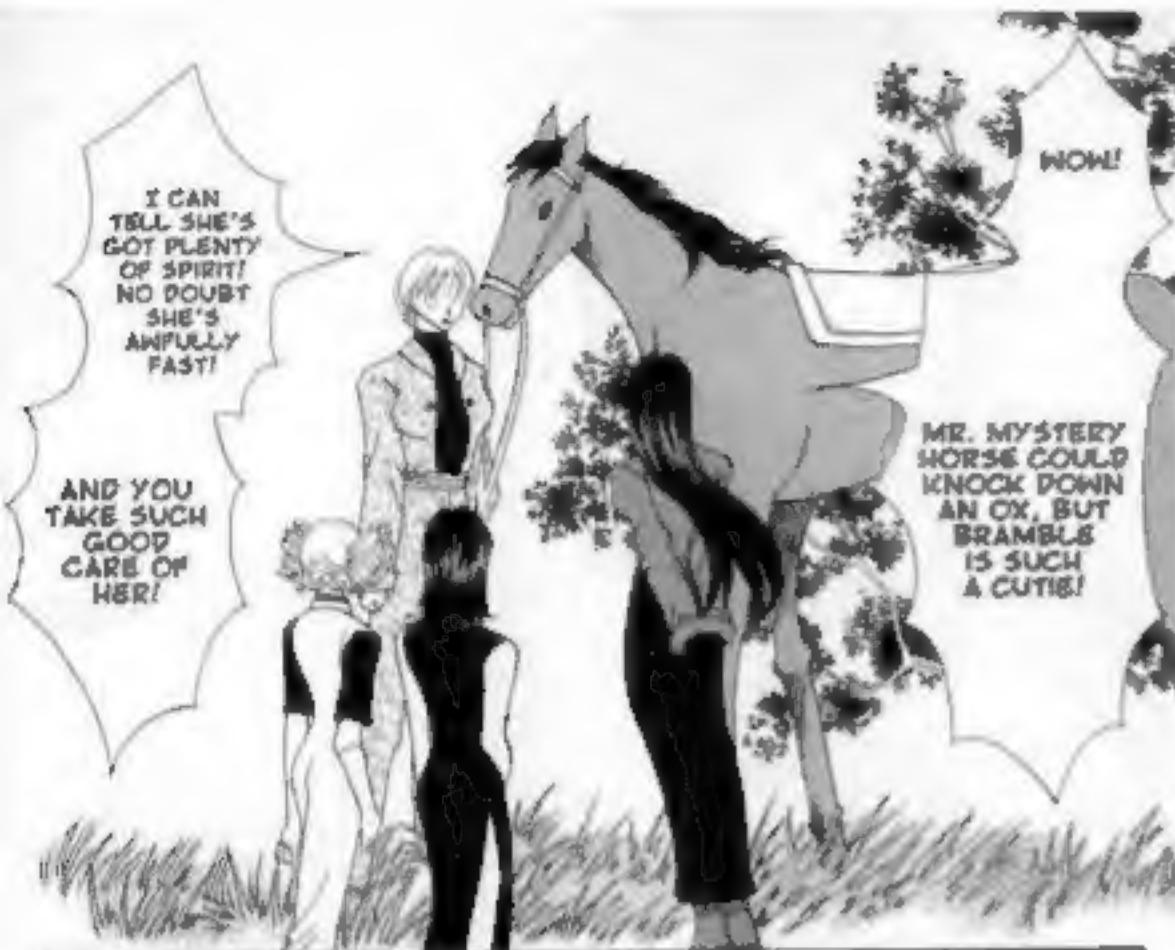
I'M SURE
ASHLEY AND
DARRE CAN
HANDLE THEM
UNTIL I GET
THERE.

WHY
DOESN'T
THAT
REASSURE
ME?

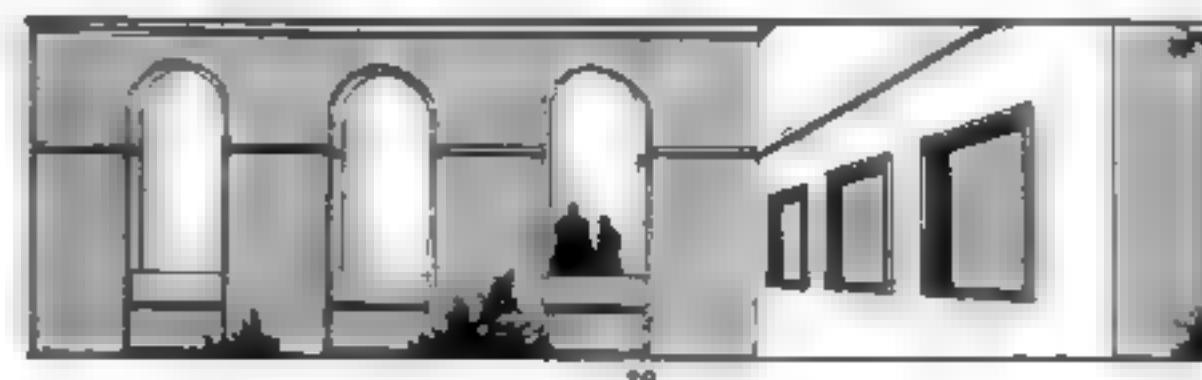
ALONE,
THEY'VE
BEEN KNOWN
TO INSPIRE
TERROR IN
EVEN THE
BRAVEST
OF SOULS,
BUT
TOGETHER...













HOW
I FEEL
ABOUT
HER?

AS HIS
BROTHER'S
SISTER

YOU'LL
ALWAYS
SAID
THAT WE
THOUGHT
OF LEAVING

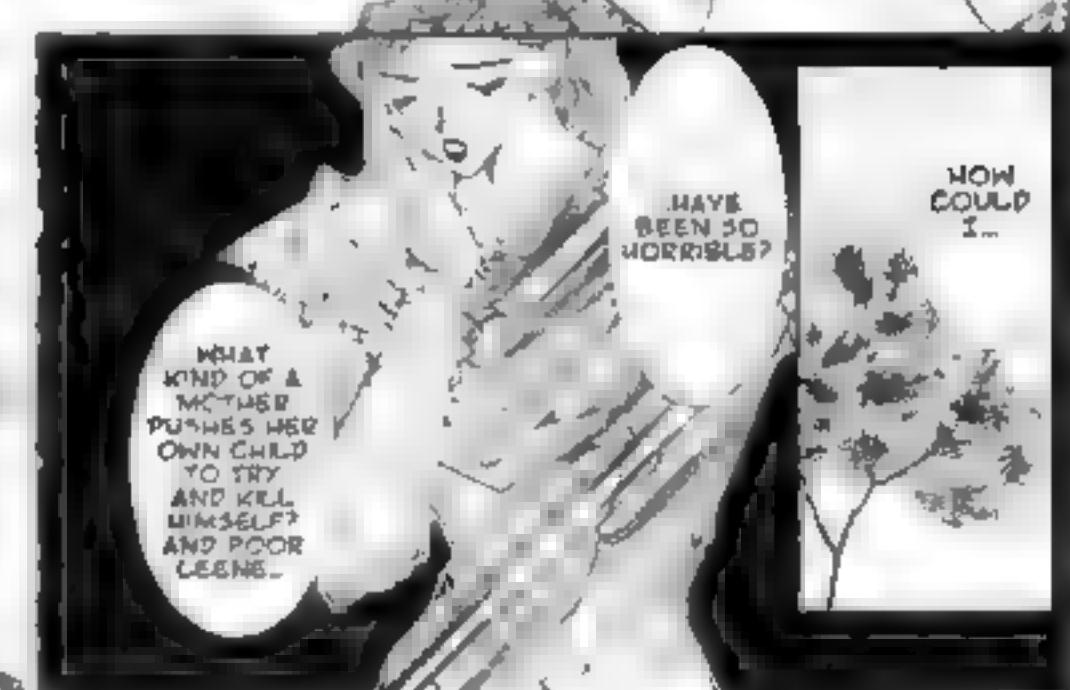
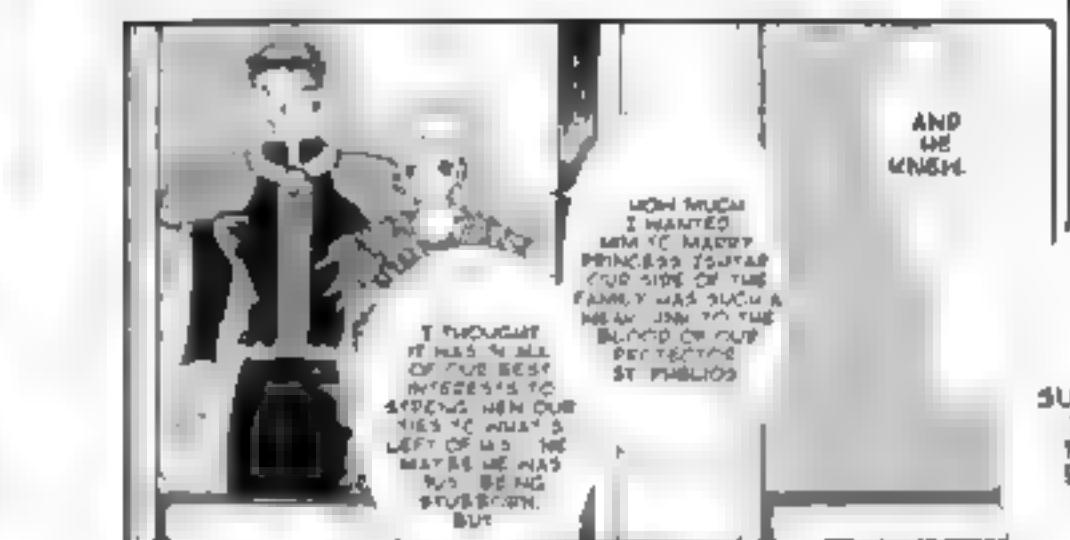
BUT WAS
HE JUST
SAYING
THAT
BECAUSE
HE
KNEW—



I DIDN'T
THINK THEY
WERE IN
LOVE.

BUT I
COULD
NEVER
REALLY
FIGURE
OUT.

HOW
THAT BOY
OF MINE
FELT
ABOUT
HER



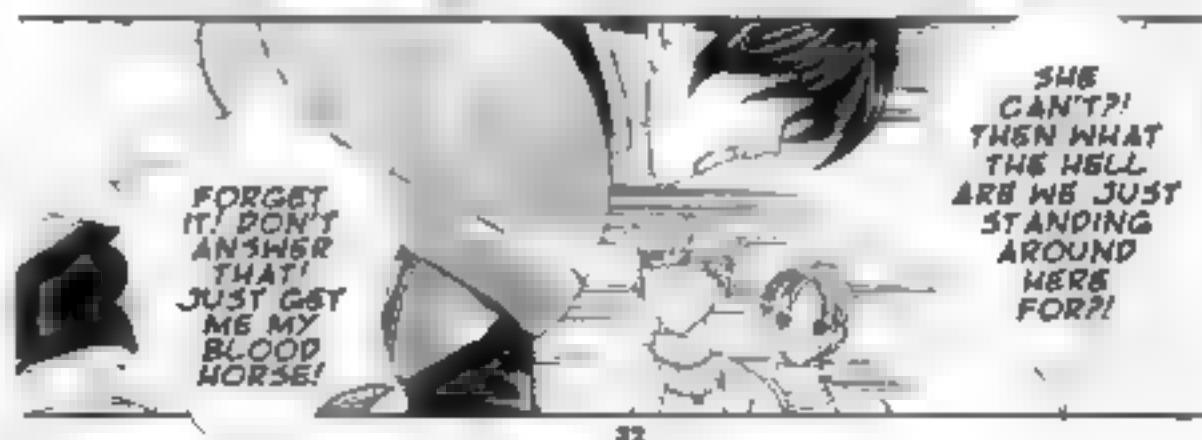
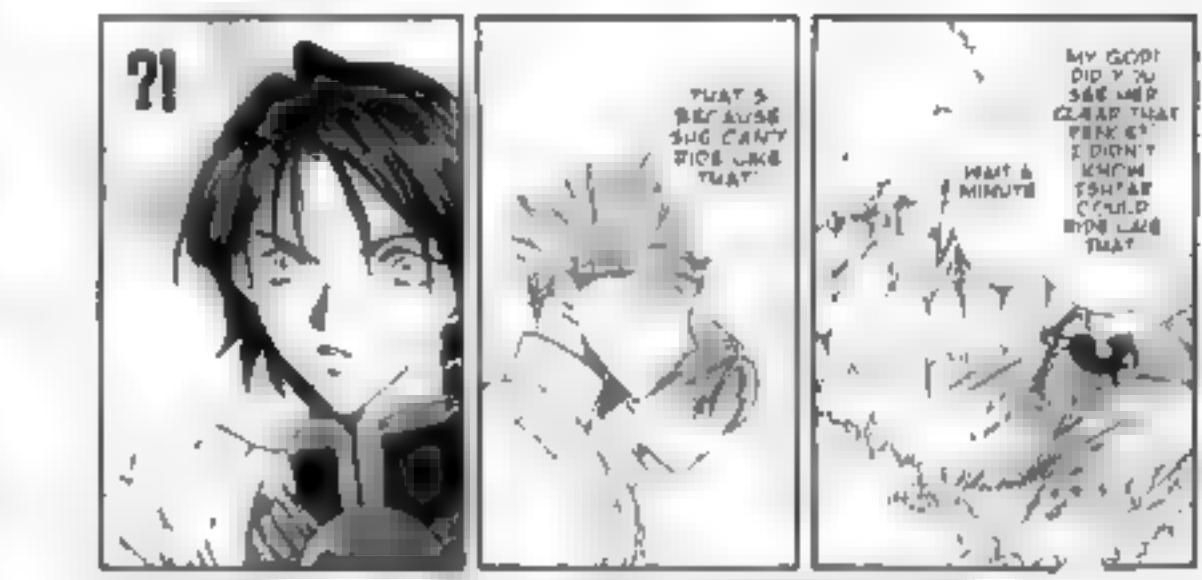
YES...

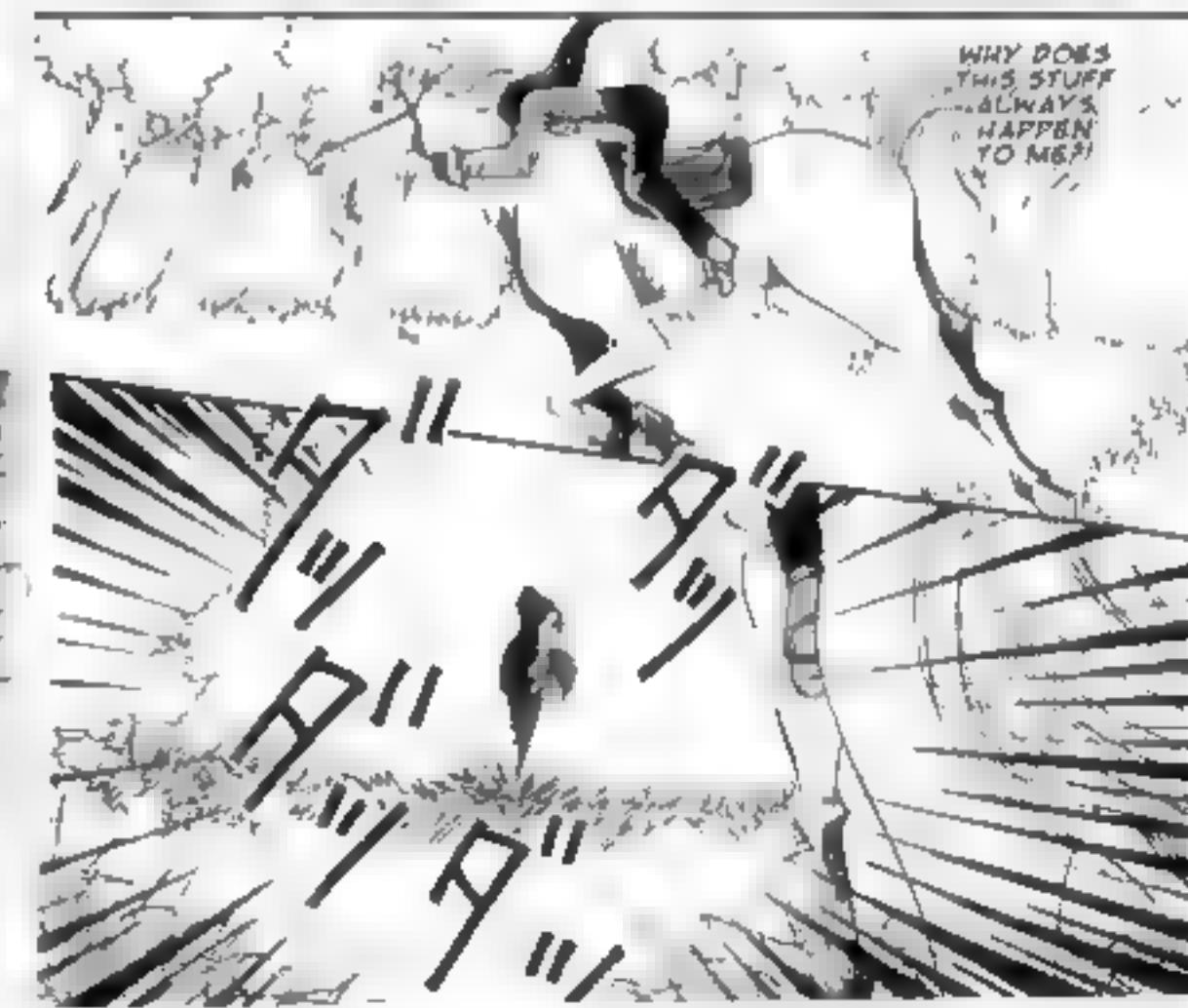
I SUPPOSE THAT MUST BE IT

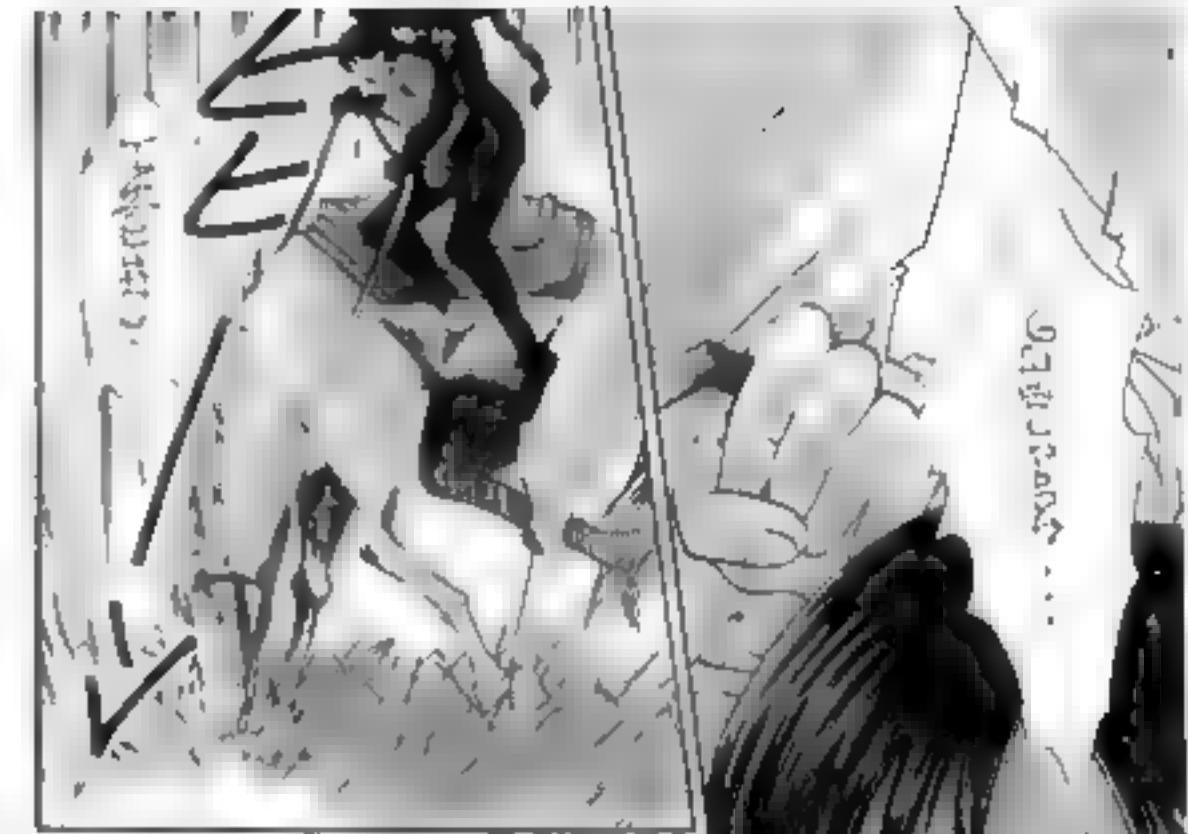














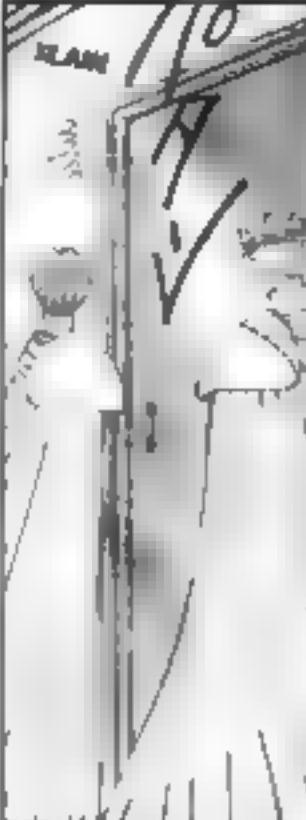
SHE
WENT
IN THERE
OVER AN
HOUR AGO!
AND WE'VE
BEEN OUT
HERE THE
WHOLE TIME!

HEY, WAIT
A MINUTE!
HOW'D SHE
GET OUT OF
HER ROOM
WITHOUT US
NOTICING?

WHAT'S
SHE
ALL
PISSY
ABOUT?

BLAM

IT'S
NOT OUR
FAULT HER
STUPID
HORSE WENT
PSYCHO



GUARDING
THE PRINCESS
IS IMPOSSIBLE.
EVERYONE
KNOWS IT.
SO NO ONE
CARES IF WE
SCREEN UP!



HOW LONG HAVE YOU
BEEN GUARDING
THE PRINCESS?

SHE ALWAYS
MANAGES TO
SNEAK OUT!
WHY DO YOU
THINK I PUT
IN FOR THIS
JOB?





IT WAS
INTERESTING
BUT WE
WERE
NOT
INTERESTED
IN THAT
TYPE OF
THING.



OKAY, THAT'S
COOL
AND
ALL, BUT
THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I MEAN.





THAT'S WHAT I
WANTED TO TELL
YOU



YOU
KNOW I
GET A FUNNY
FEELING WHEN
HE'S AROUND.
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
BITE HIM!!

THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!!!







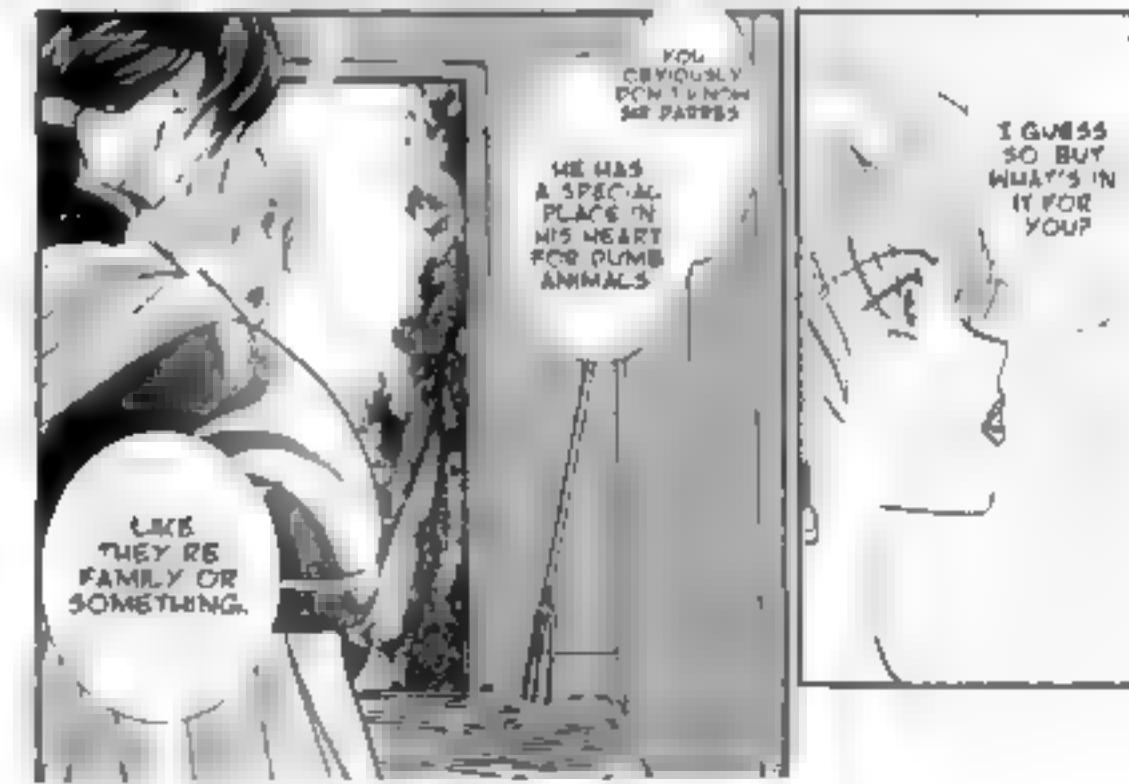
THAT'S THE HORSE THAT TRIED TO THROW PRINCESS ISHTAR! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



HOLD ON A SECOND! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A HORSE SLAUGHTERED JUST BECAUSE IT WENT CRAZY?

IT'S NOT THE HORSE'S FAULT! ISHTAR DRIVES EVERYONE CRAZY. WHY SHOULD THE HORSE BE ANY DIFFERENT?







IT'S
A BIT
INVOLVED

AND I
REALLY AM
SORRY THAT
I COULDN'T
TELL YOU
UNTIL NOW.
MY REAL
NAME IS .



SHE
ADOPTED THE
CREATURE'S
OFFSPRING AS
A PET GOD.
ONLY KNOWS
WHAT SHE'LL
DO HERE.

THE
BOTTOM
LINE IS THAT
WE MUST DO
SOMETHING.
THE LAST
TIME ISHTAR
WAS NEARLY
KILLED BY
AN ANIMAL...



WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?

...-ZZ-...
...-ZZ-...



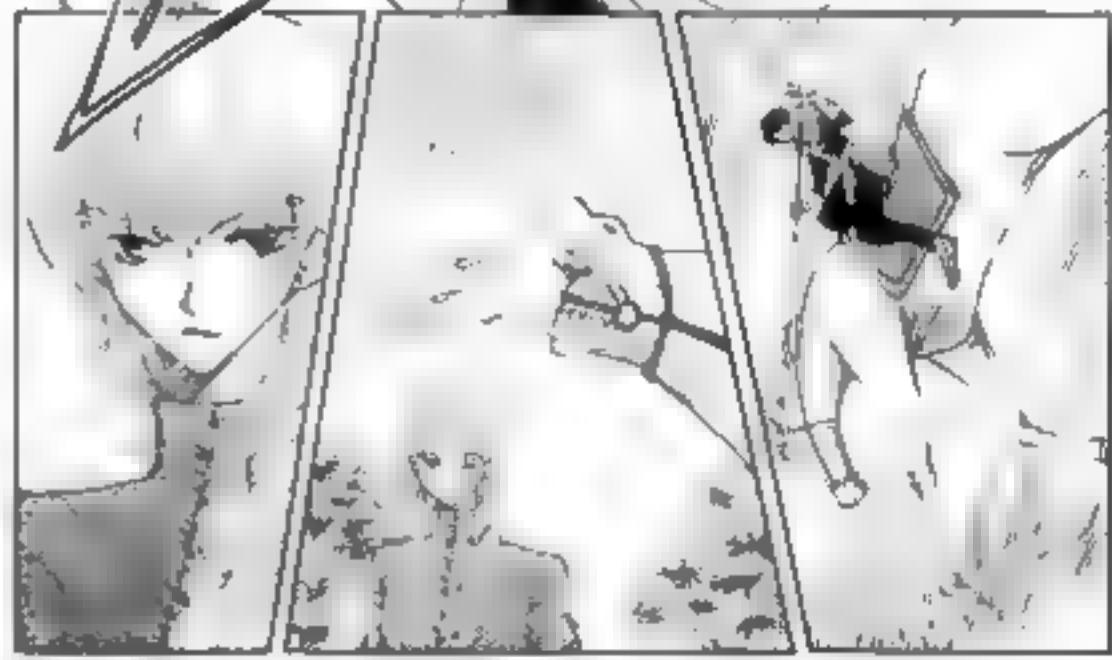








OH, THAT
IT WAS
NECESSARY
PRINCESS
ISHVAR
FORGAVE
ME











ARE
YOU
SAYING
I'M THE
REASON
ISHtar
HAS
BEEN...



REJECTING
ALL HER
TUTORS?

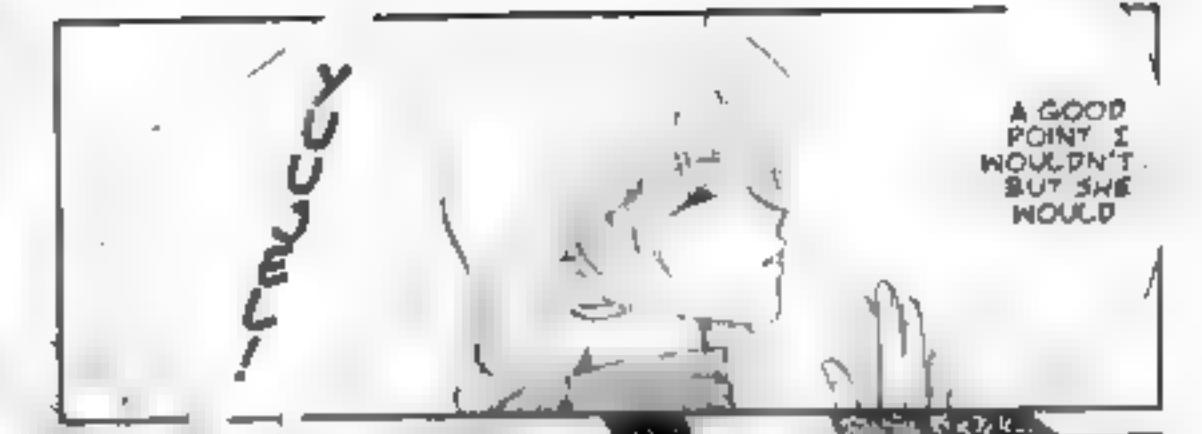


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南嶺篇
Act.6



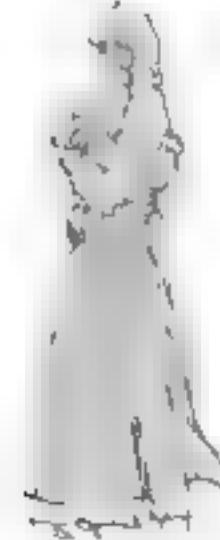
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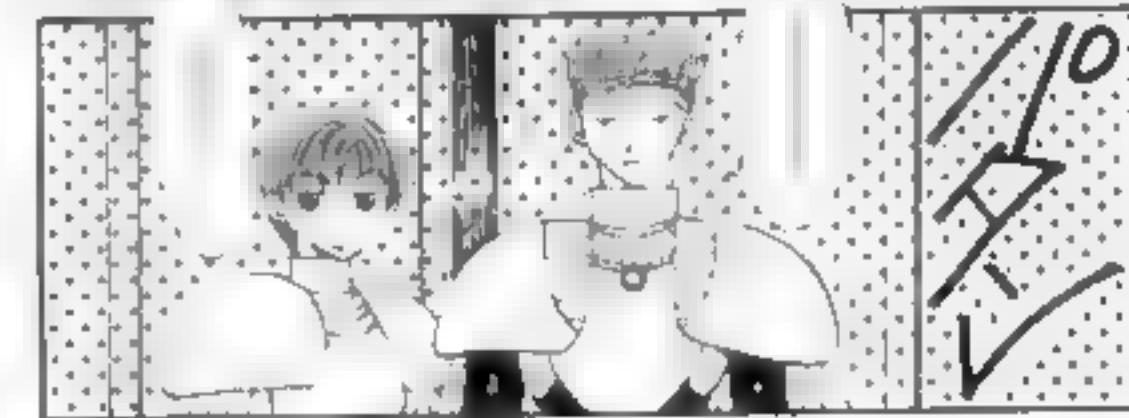


"WITH
HIS BEST
FRIEND'S
WIFE"

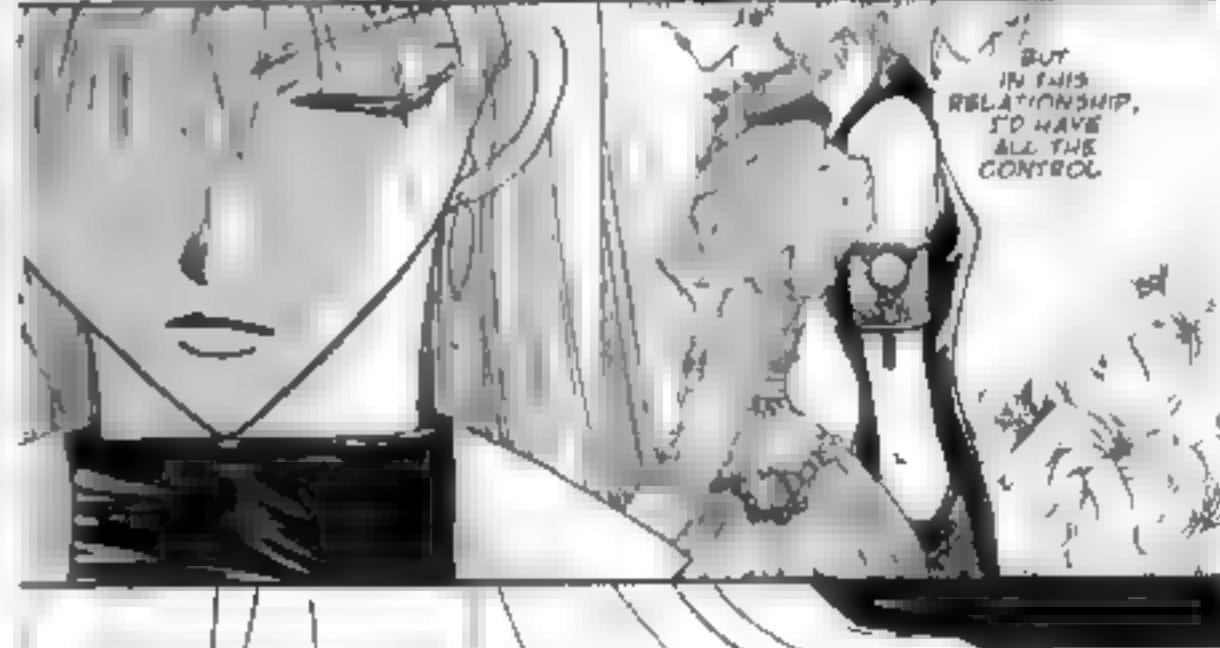


YOU
HAVE
NO
IDEA...

HOW
MUCH
I'VE
MISSSED
YOU!







ISHTAR.





AND WITH
ISHSTAR
INVOLVED
THE CHANCE
OF DISASTER
IS HIGH

MATCHMAKING
IS OBVIOUSLY
NOT ONE OF MY
STRENGTHS

PRINCESS
ISHSTAR
WAS MY
FIRST
LOVE

YOU'LL
PROBABLY
NEVER
BELIEVE
THIS BUT
I ASSURE
YOU IT'S
TRUE

WHA?

YOU CAN'T
REALLY MEAN
THAT BUT THE
FIRST TIME YOU
SAW HER YOU
WERE THIRTEEN
AND SHE WAS
FIVE. THAT'S
NOT LOVE.
THAT'S JUST
SHOK!

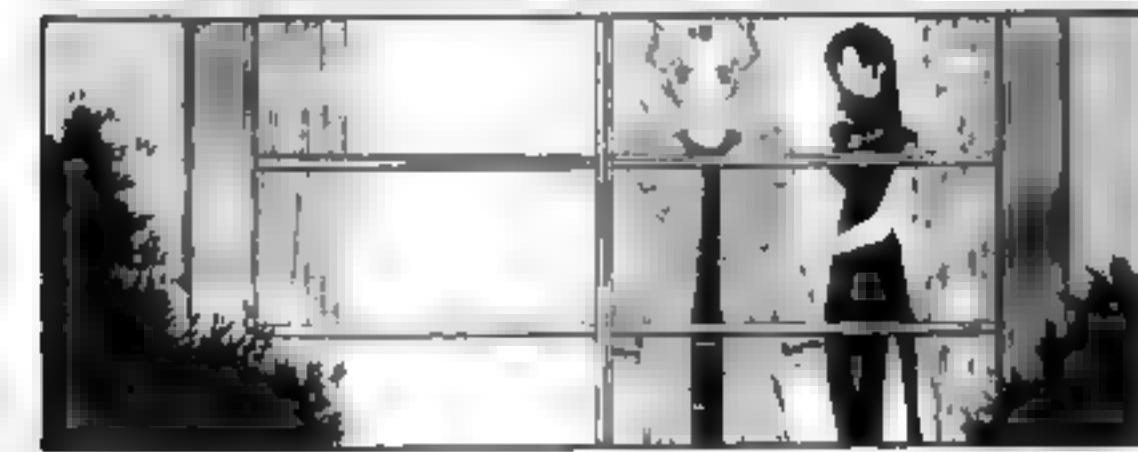


BUT
GETTING
BACK TO
PRINCESS
ISHSTAR...

SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
IT'S A
LONG
STORY

FRIEND
OF
YOURS?

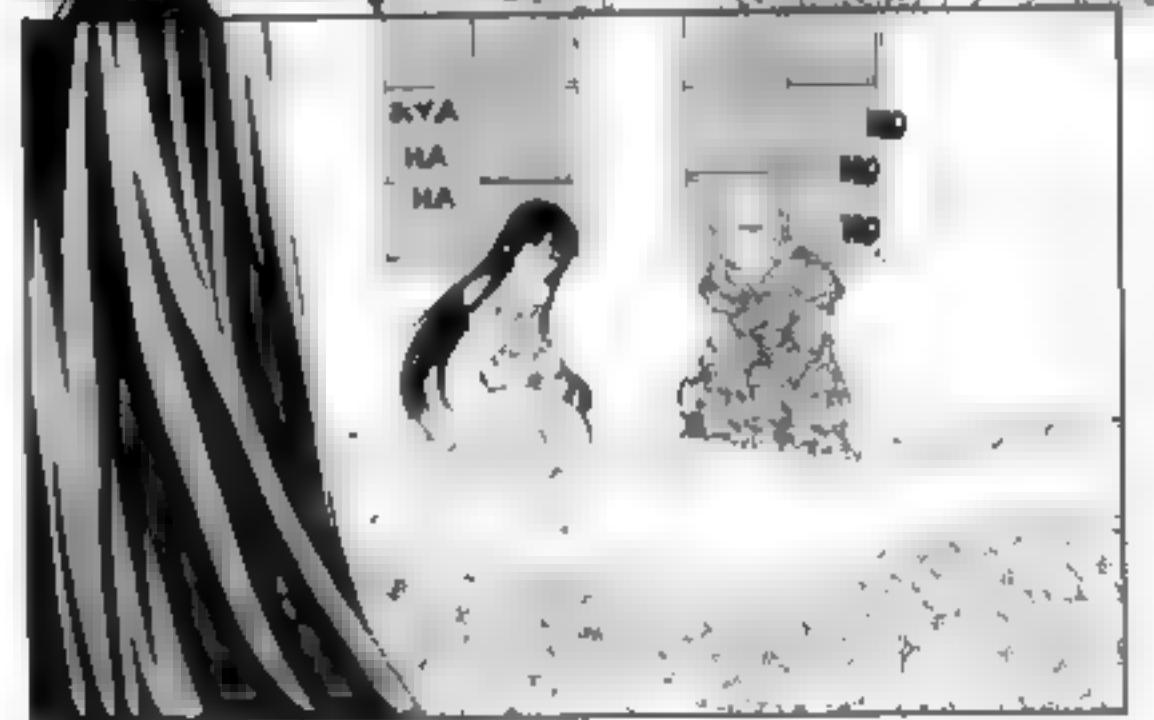
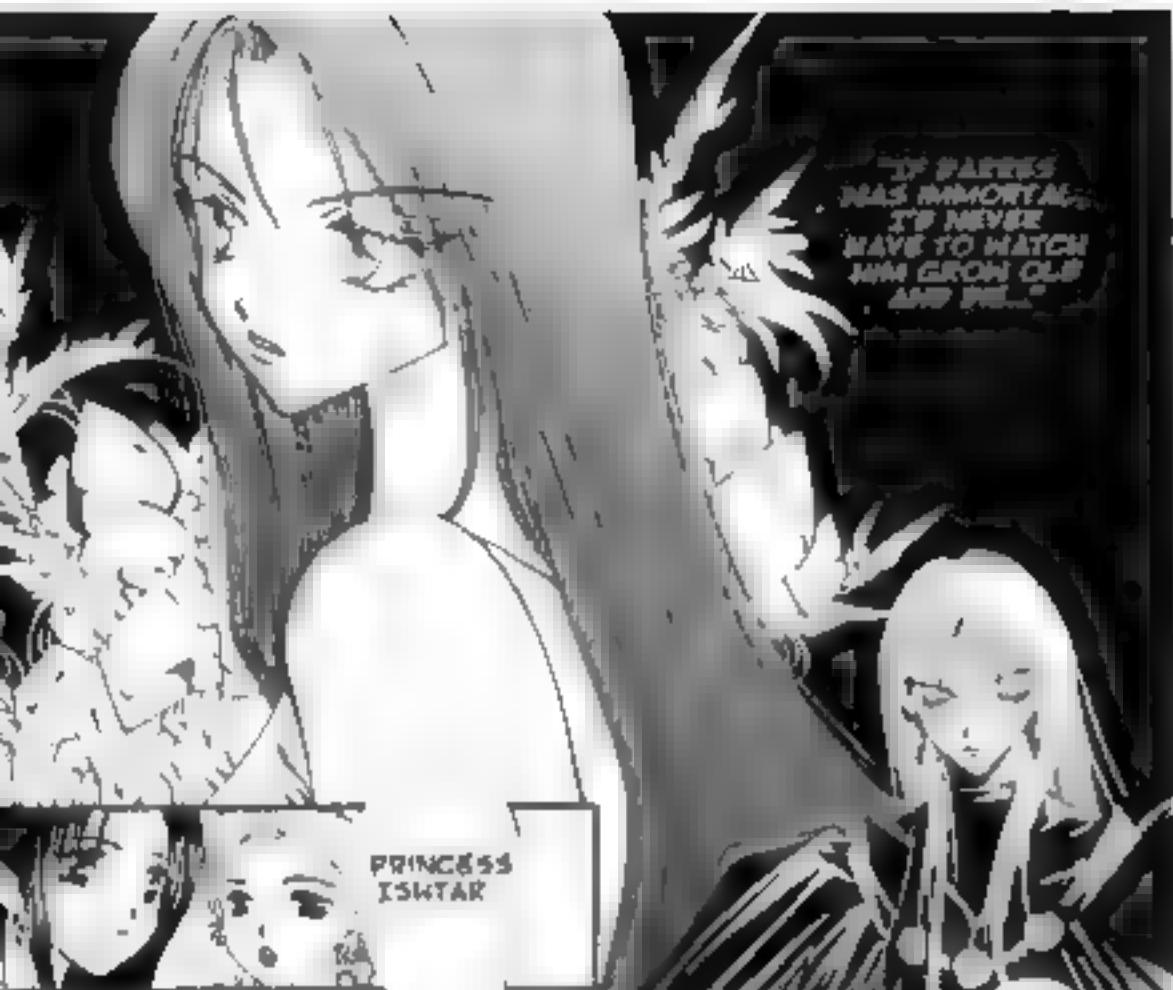
ON
SECOND
THOUGHT
MAYBE I
SHOULD
LET THIS
LITTLE
MESS BE
A LESSON
TO ME

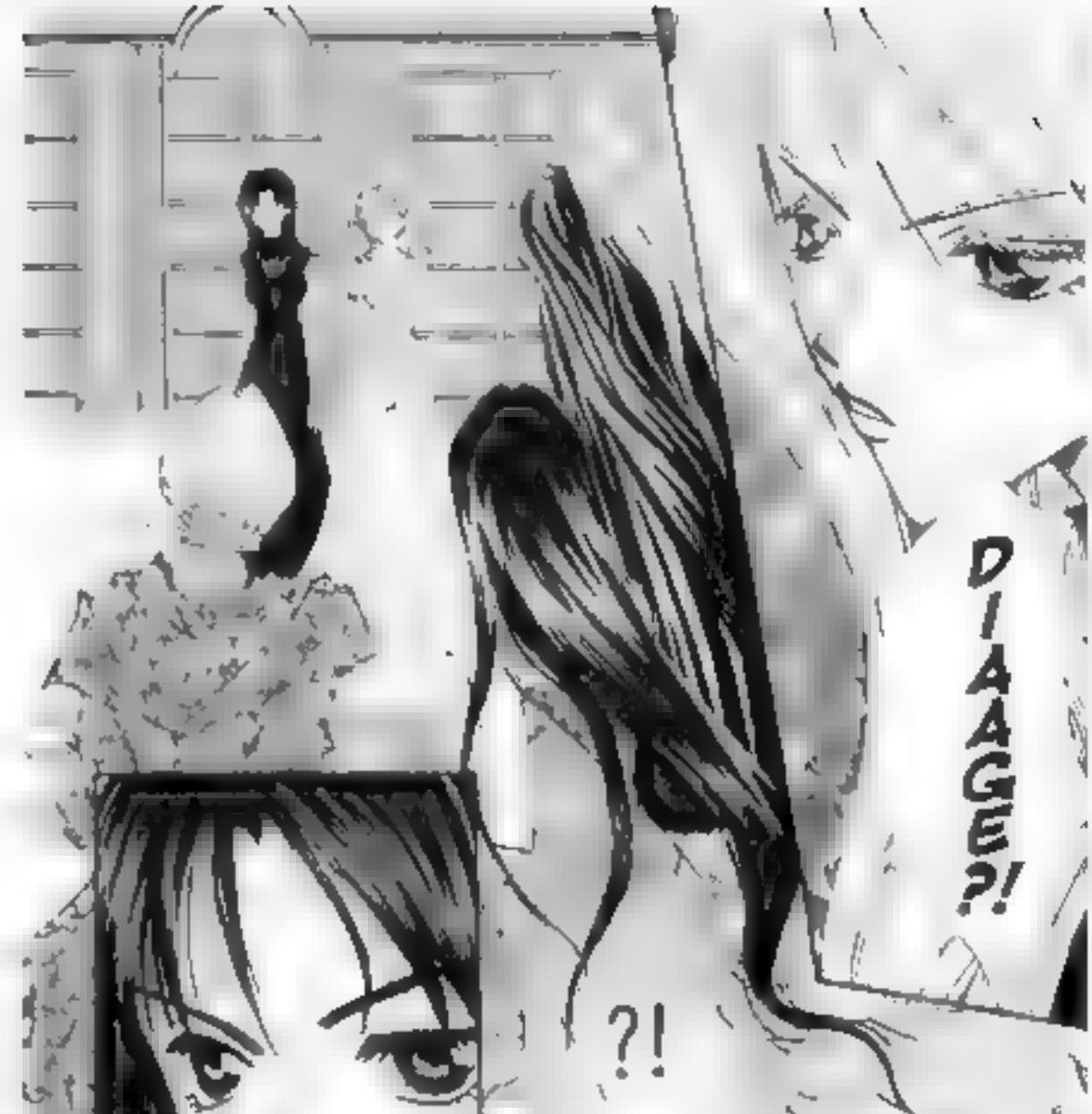
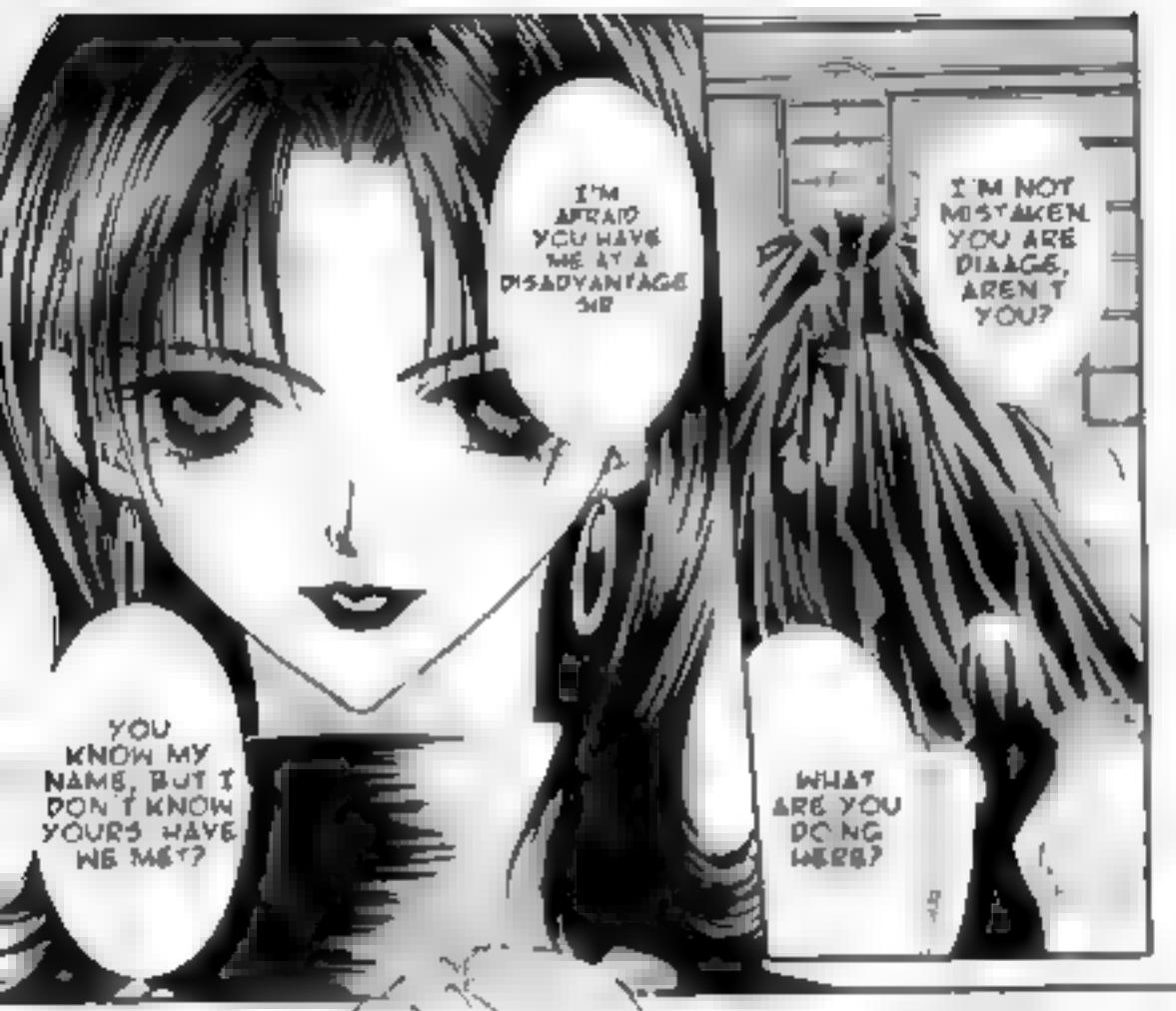






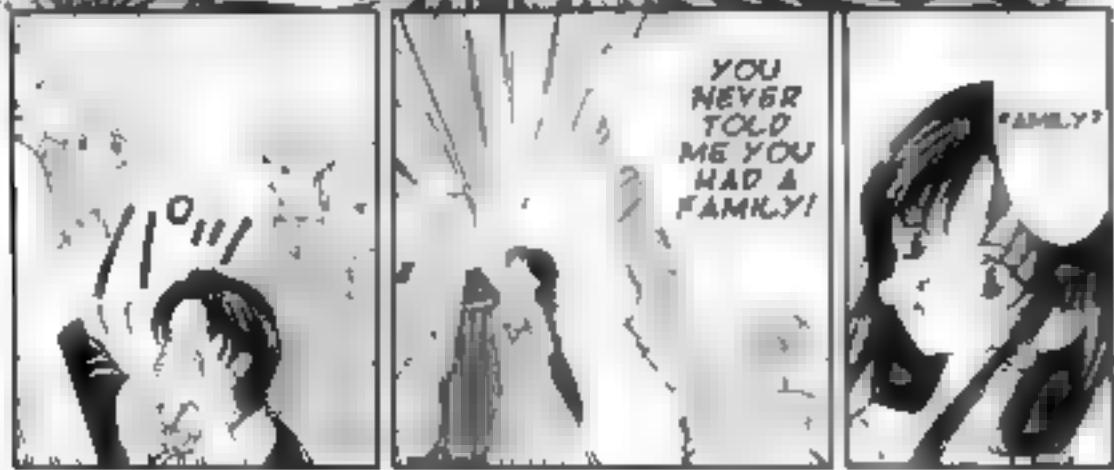








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南嶺篇
Act.7







HAVE YOU
LOST YOUR
MIND? I
REALLY
HOPE THIS
WAR WITH
THE HUMANS
IS YOUR IDEA
OF A BAD
JOKE.



TAUTUL
AS ALWAYS.
DUNNO.

YOUR
INTRUSION
WORRIES ME
OF COURSE.



GOING
TO WAR
THESE
DAYS?

NO,
THE
DIAOG
I KNEW.

WHEN
YOU BAD
BOYS GET
TOGETHER
YOU'RE
WORSE THAN
A ROOM FULL
OF SCHOOL-
GIRLS.

MARY
DUZELL

WHEREVER
DID YOU
WEAR
SUCH A
TERRIBLE
THING?

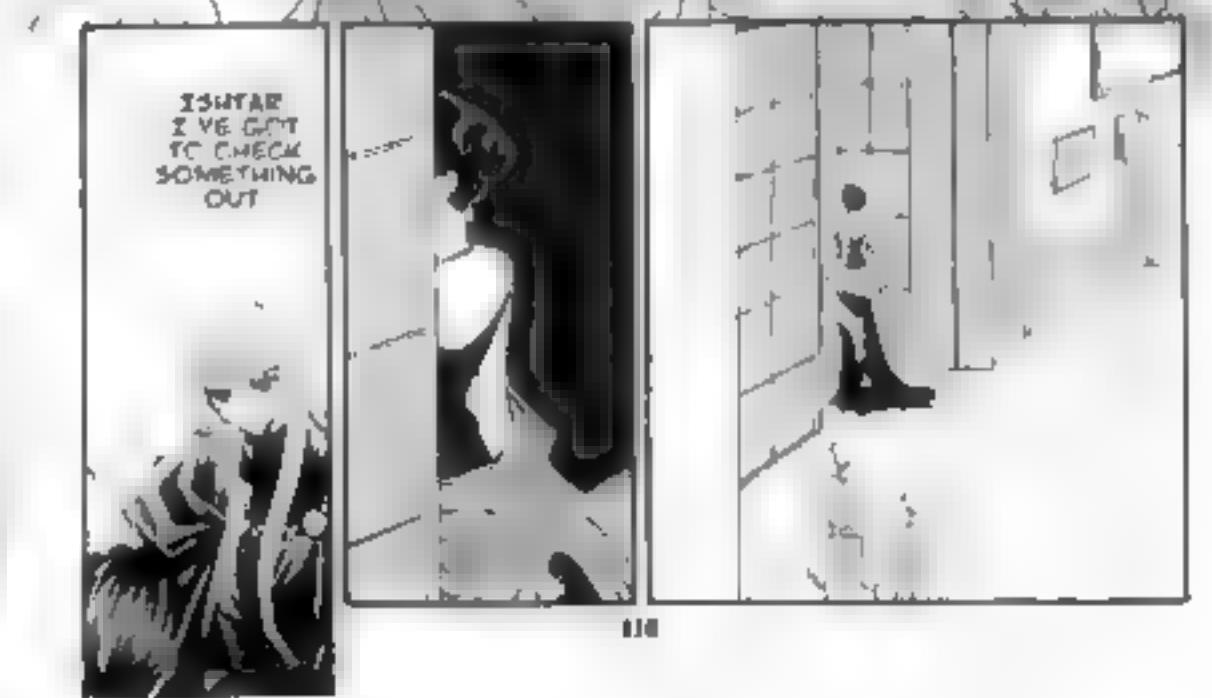
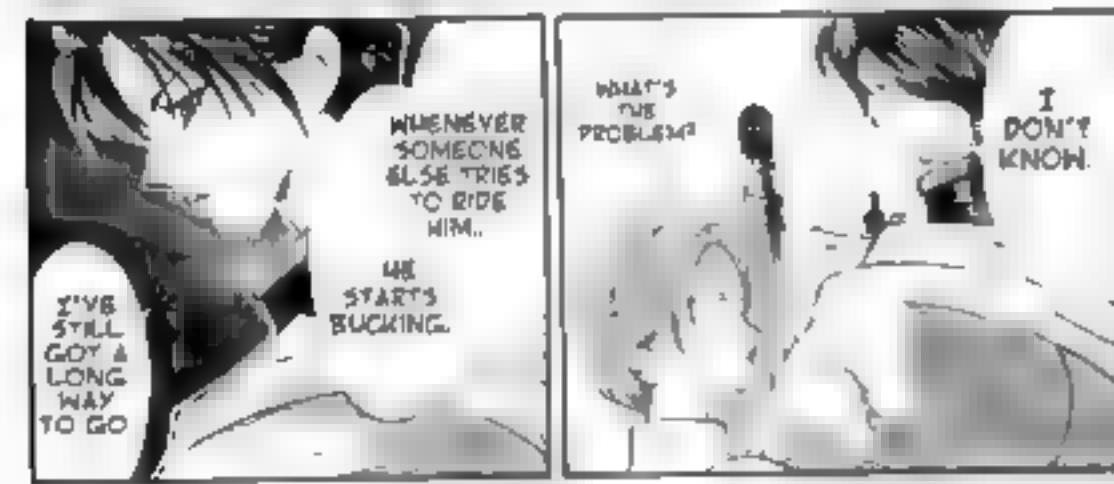
PERHAPS
A BATTLE
BETWEEN
THE TWO OF
US WOULD
BE MORE
FULFILLING
THAN TOYING
WITH THOSE
STUPID
LITTLE
HUMANS,
EH?

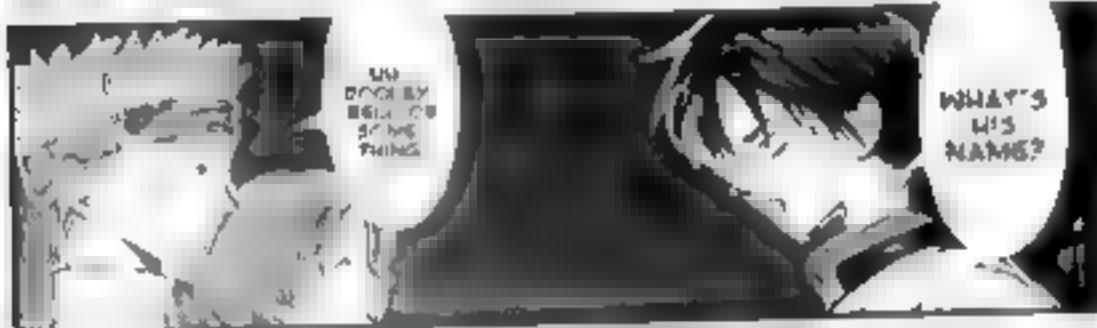
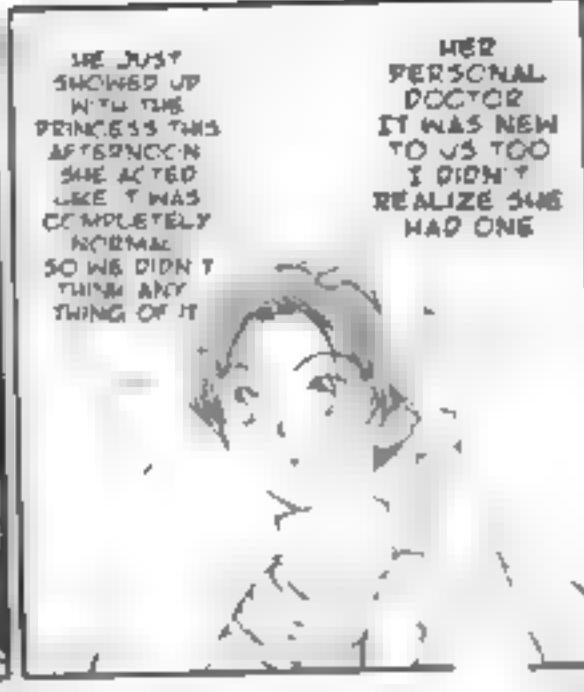
WOULDN'T
FORGET ME
CERTAINLY
NOT AFTER
A MERE ONE
HUNDRED
YEARS

I MEAN,
IMAGINE YOU'
AGAINST ME?
I'M SURE EVEN
SOMEONE
AS DOUR AS
YOU CAN SEE
THE HUMOR
IN THAT I'D
GIGGLE MYSELF
TO PIECES
WHILE BINDING
YOUR SOUL
TO ETERNAL
DAMNATION.

WELL,
UNLESS
YOU'RE JUST
AS BORED WITH
THIS EXISTENCE
AS I AM TELL
ME DO YOU
REALLY THINK
I'VE BECOME
"POMPOUS AND
PATHETIC"?
OR IS THAT
JUST THE
KIND OF THING
THAT GETS
WHISPERED
BEHIND MY
BACK?







WHAT'S HIS NAME?



D-DOCTOR DOOLEYBELL'S REALLY THE VAMPIRE KING DUZELL?

DOOLEYBELL? I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.



HEY,
THAT'S

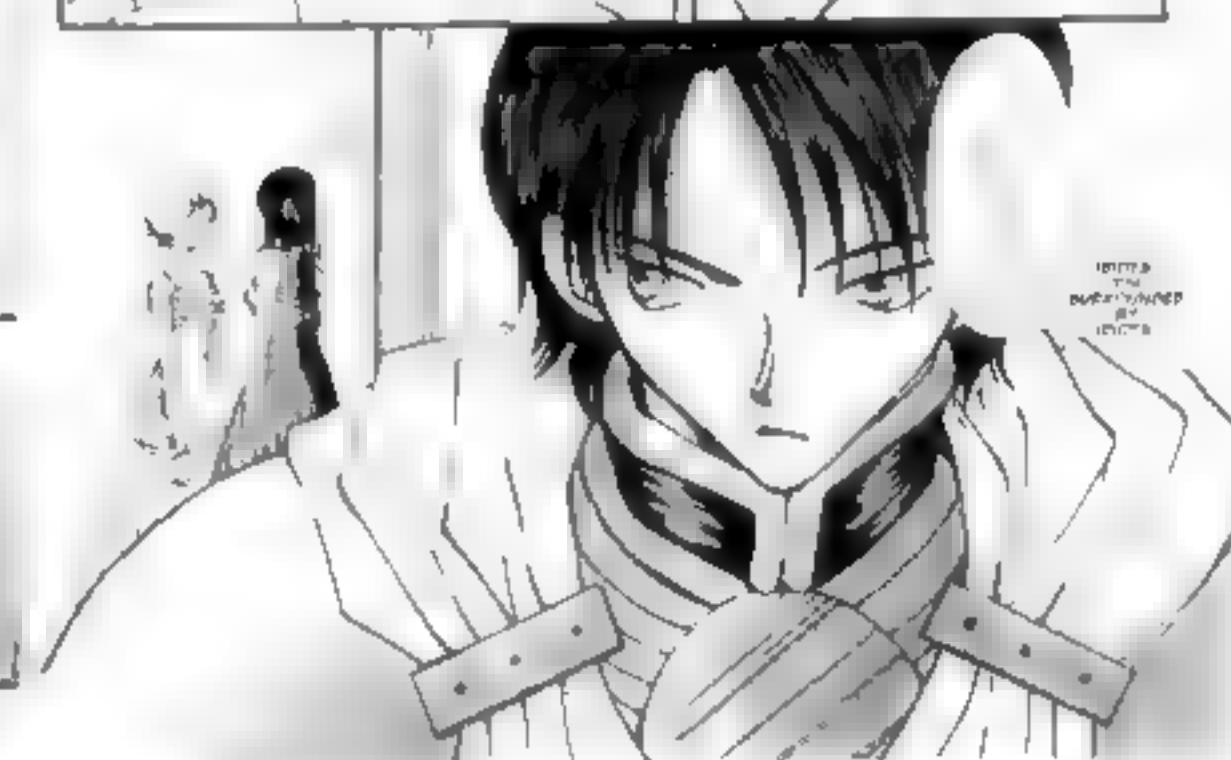


NO, NO, NO! HANG
ON A SECOND
GUYS, I THINK
WHAT HE HAS
HERE IS JUST A BIG
MISUNDERSTANDING
EVER SINCE ISHTAR
CHOSE "DUZELU"
FOR THE NAME OF
HER PET. SHE'S BEEN
USING VARIATIONS OF
IT AS ALIASES FOR
HERSelf.

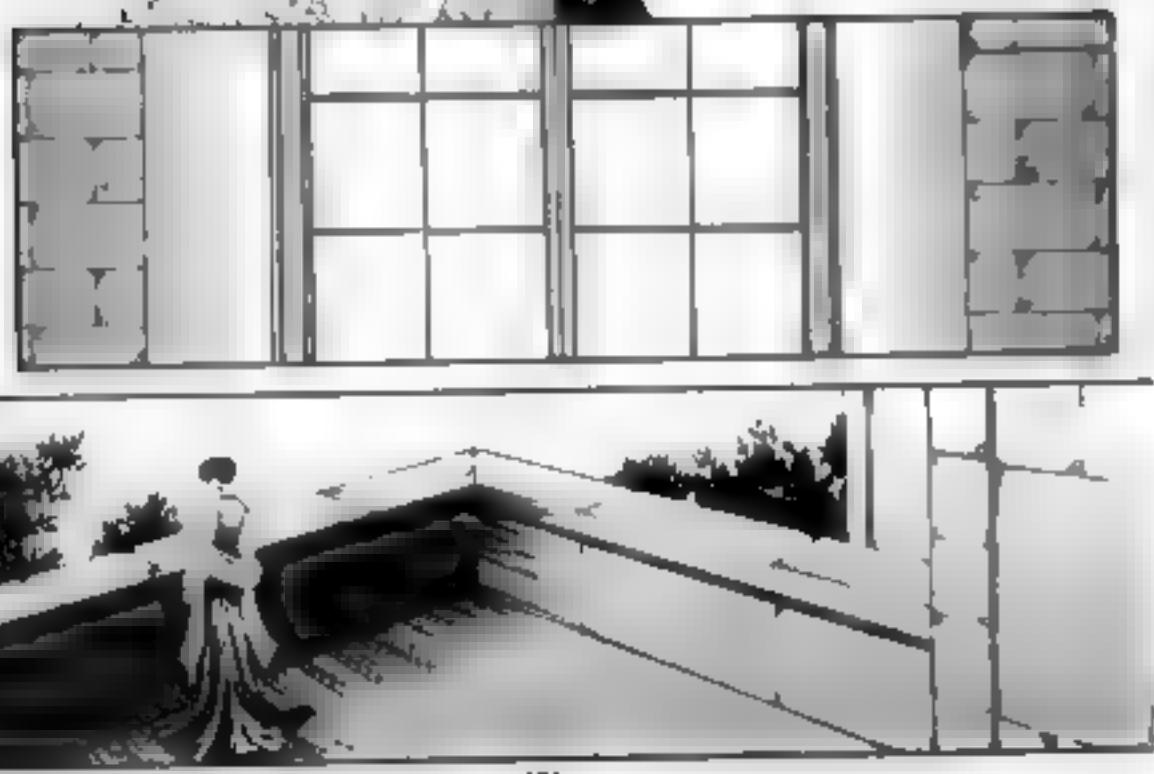
MORE
THAN
LIKELY
THAT DR
DUZELU
IS JUSTR
ANOTHER
NICKNAME.

MUCH OF
COURSE
MEANS THAT
THE DOCTOR'S
NOT THE
VAMPIRE KING,
BUT ISHTAR
HERSelf.

BUT BUT,
VAMPIRES CAN'T
BE DOCTORS,
CAN THEY?
I MEAN THEY'RE
KNOWN FOR
EATING PEOPLE,
NOT TREATING
THEM!



ISHTAR
THE
VAMPIRE
BY
JENNA







YOU
NEARLY
KILLED ME
WHILE I LAY
TRAPPED
WITHIN THE
BODY OF
A KYAHL
KITTEH



ALTHOUGH
YOU WEREN'T
SO CIVIL THE
LAST TIME

I AM



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
ONE OF
MY OLD
COMPADRES.
SO I SPARED

DO YOU
REMEMBER?
I WAS STILL
GATHERING
MY POWERS
AFTER BEING
REBORN

NOT
THAT IT
MATTERS.

DON T
LET THAT
AMBITION
BE YOUR
DOWN-
FALL

YOU HAVE
BECOME A
POWERFUL
VAMPIRE
WITH GREAT
AMBITION



I'M
RIGHT
AREN'T I?
YOU'RE THE
GREAT AND
HORRIBLE
VAMPIRE
KING

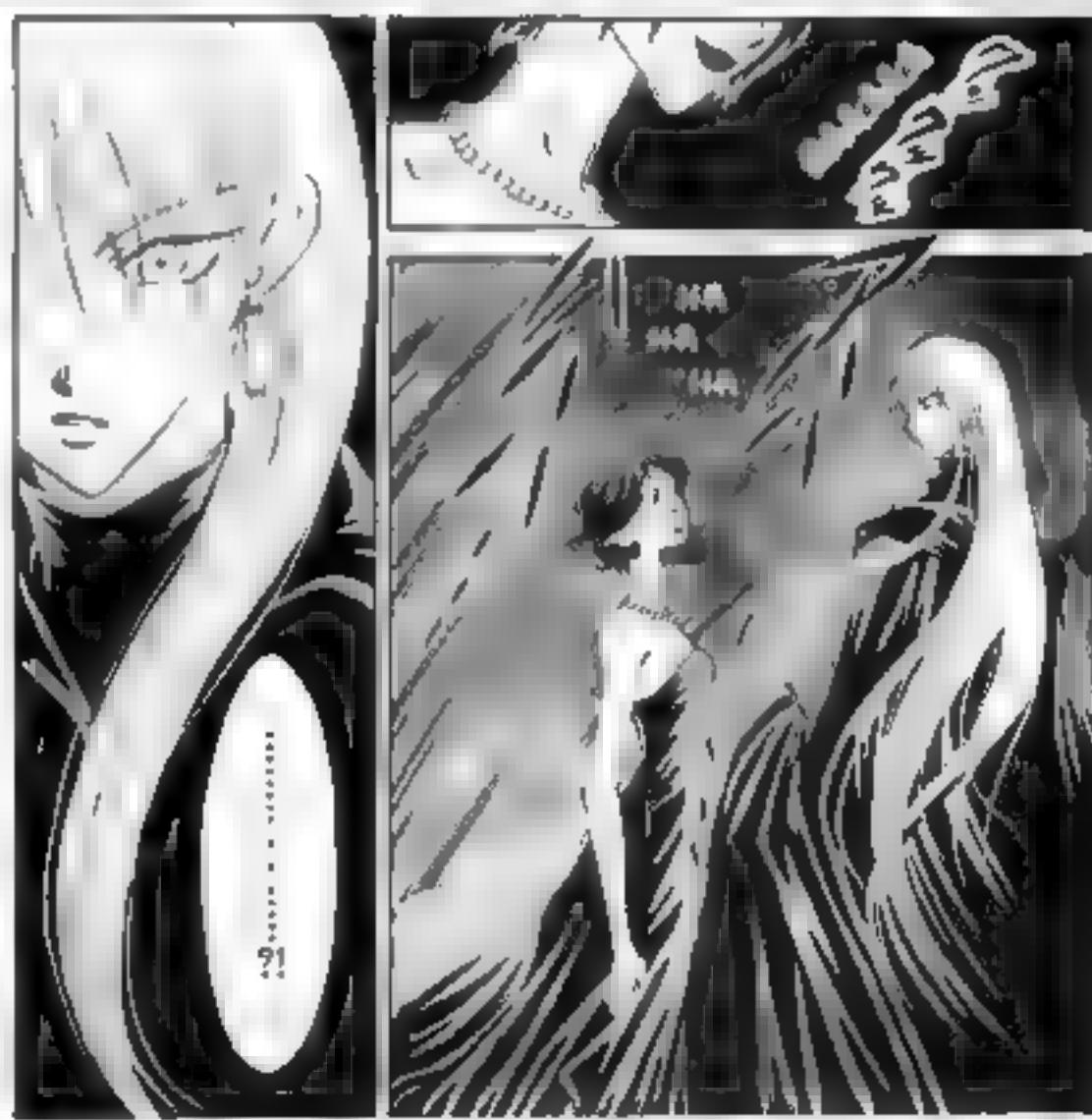


HEH, HEH.
SOMEONE'S
DOING THEIR
HOMEWORK
HAVEN T
THEY

DUZIN?



HELLO,
SHARLEN





SHARJEN!!





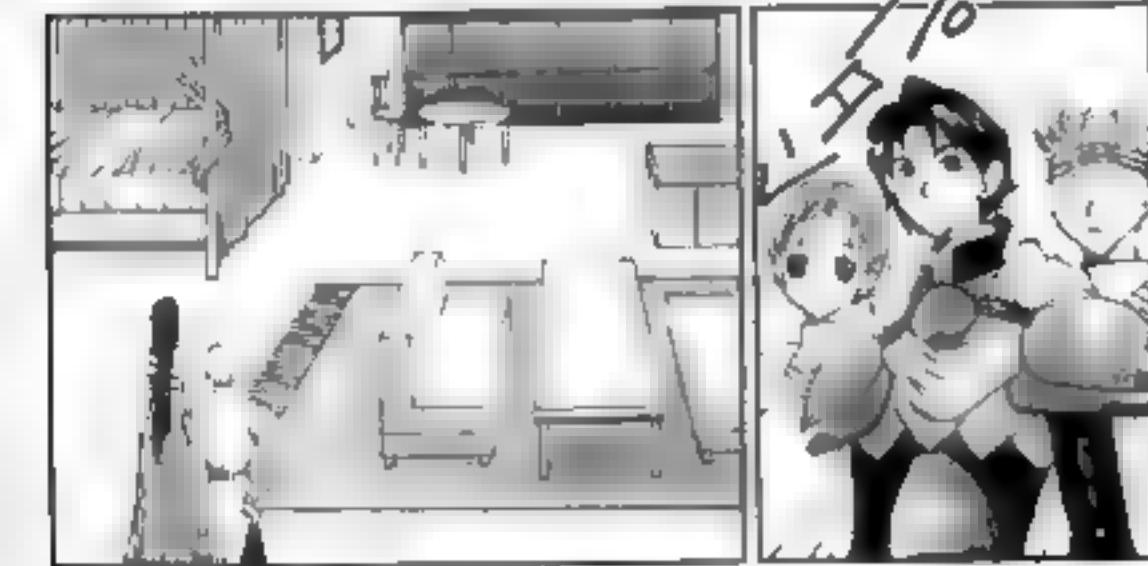
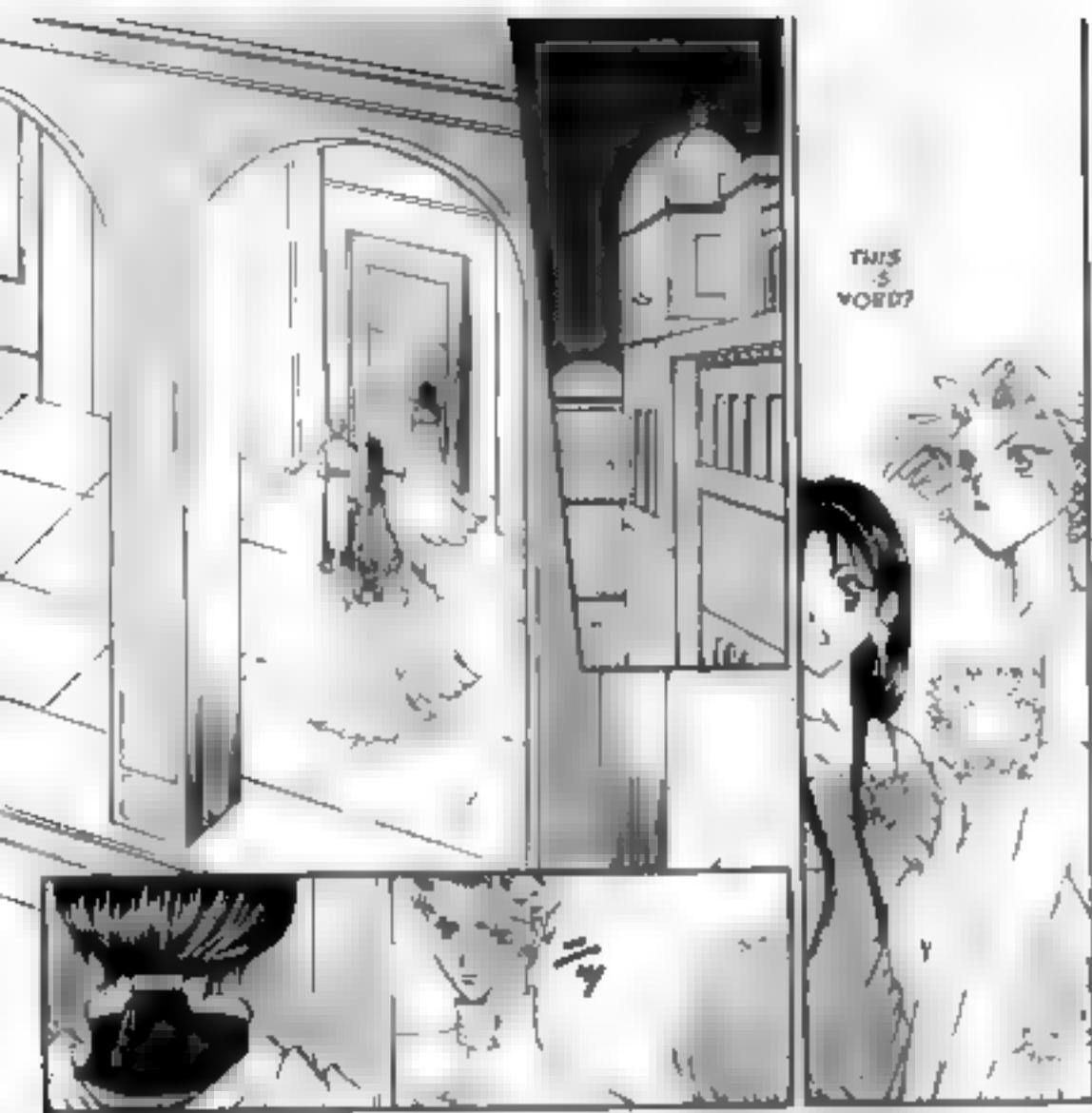


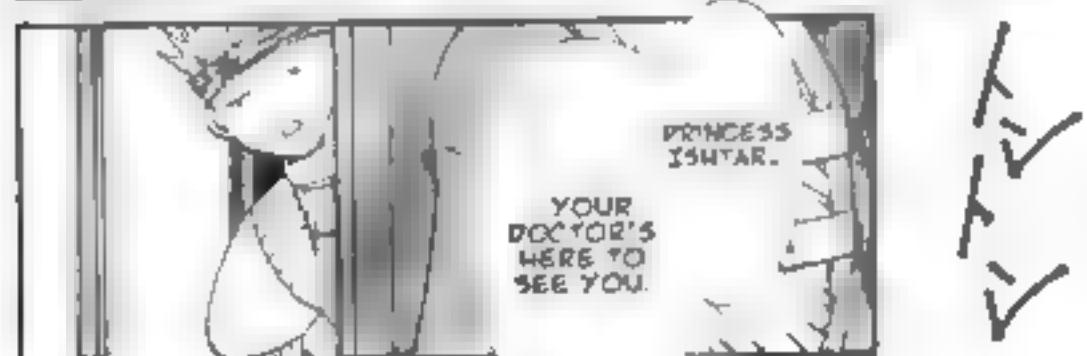
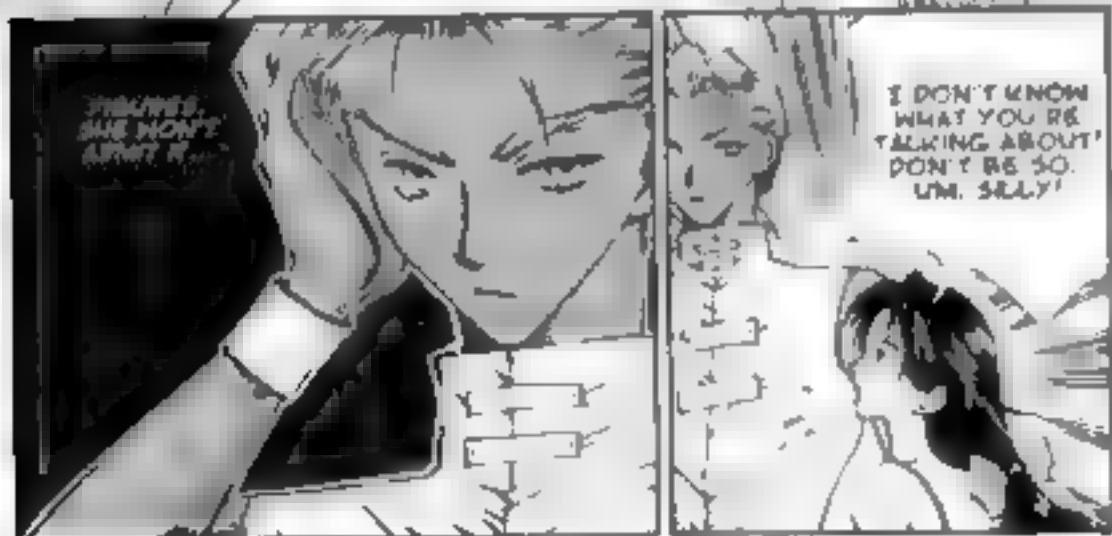
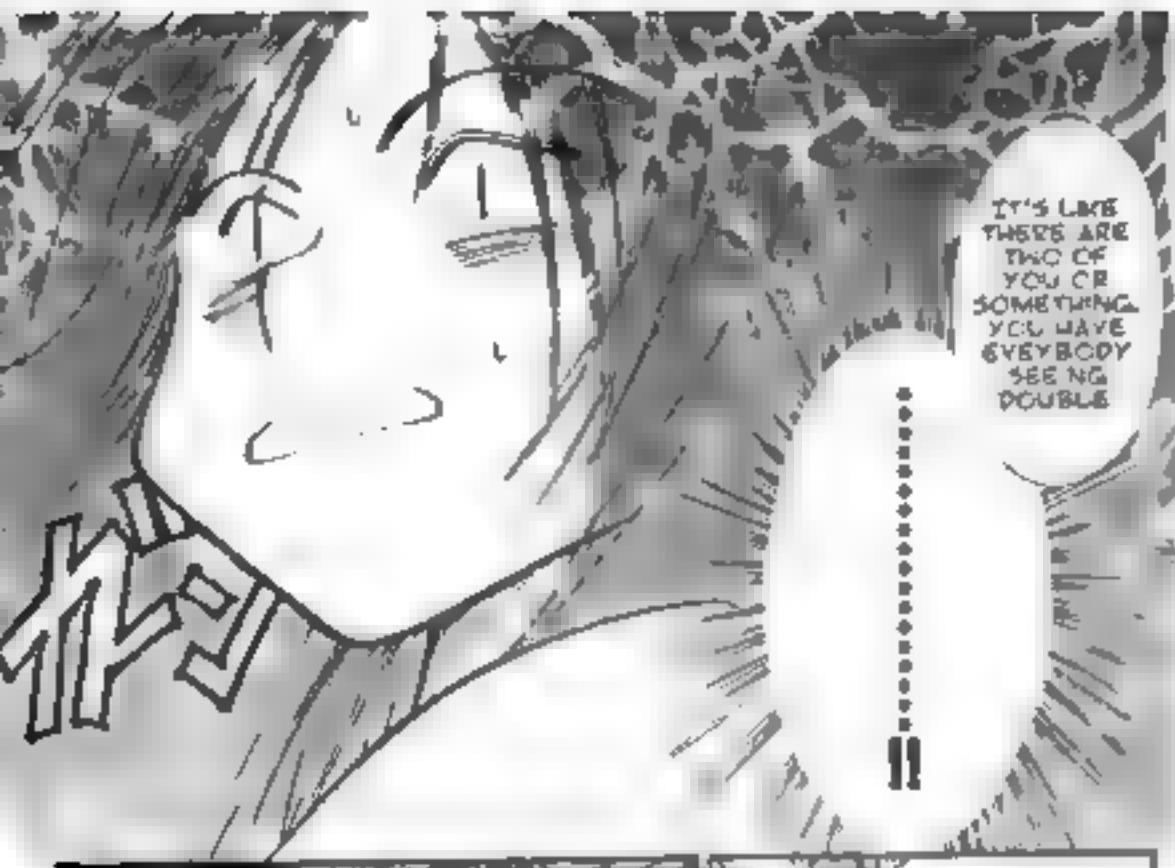


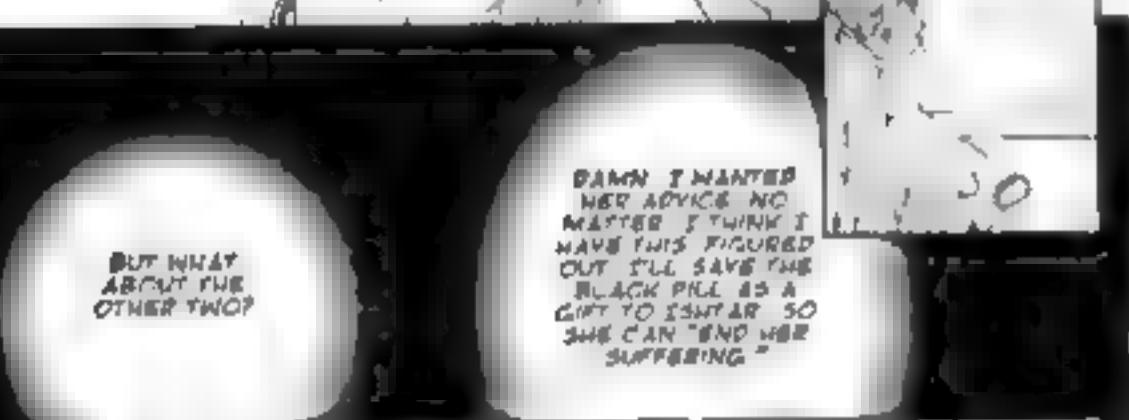






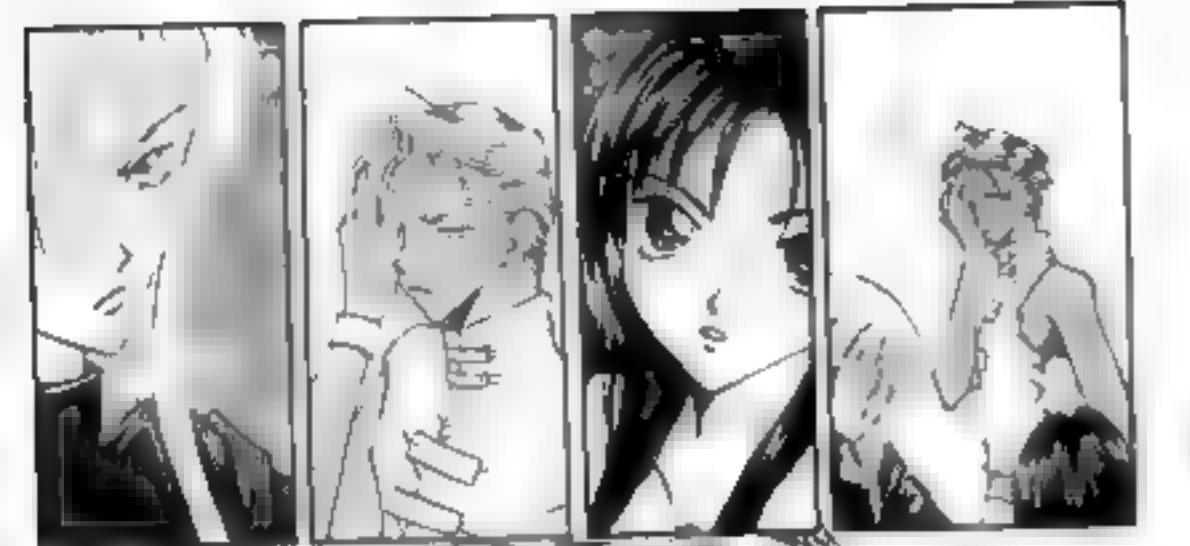








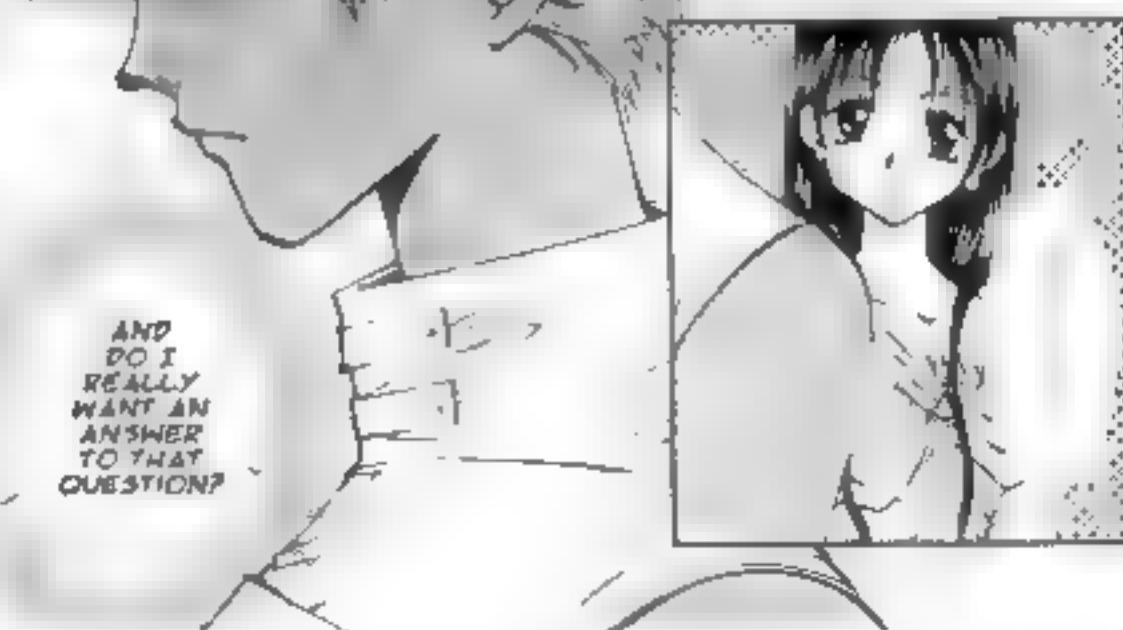


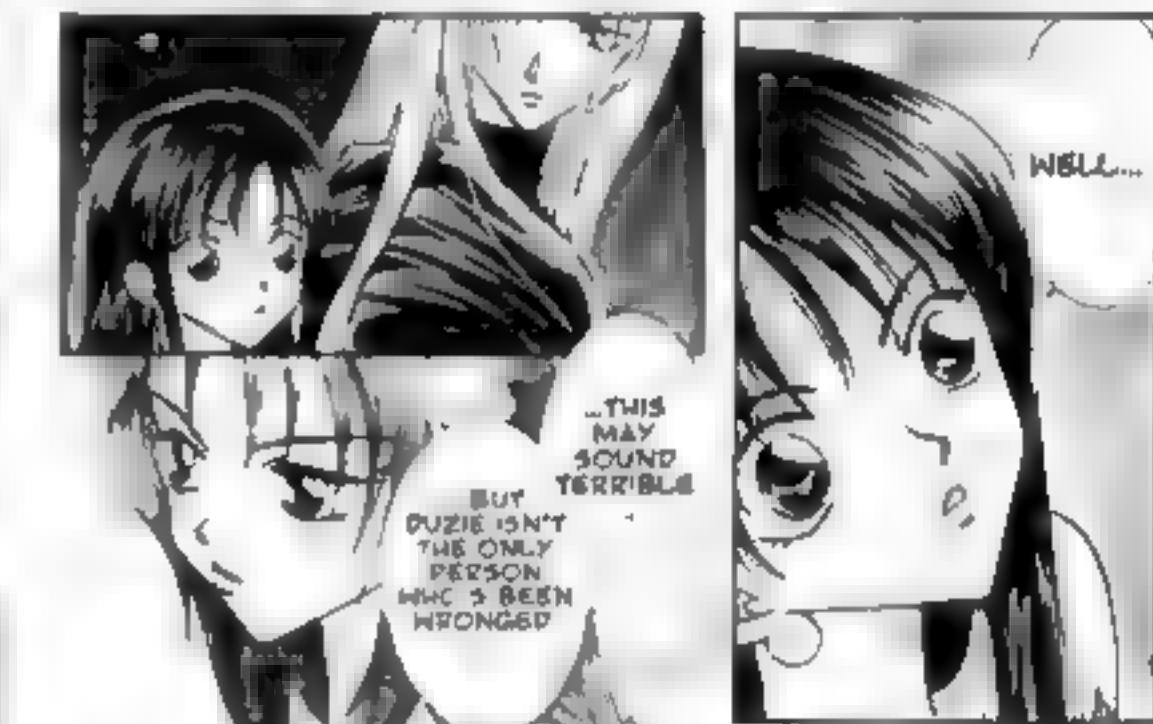


IF I'M
IN LOVE
WITH
ISHTAR

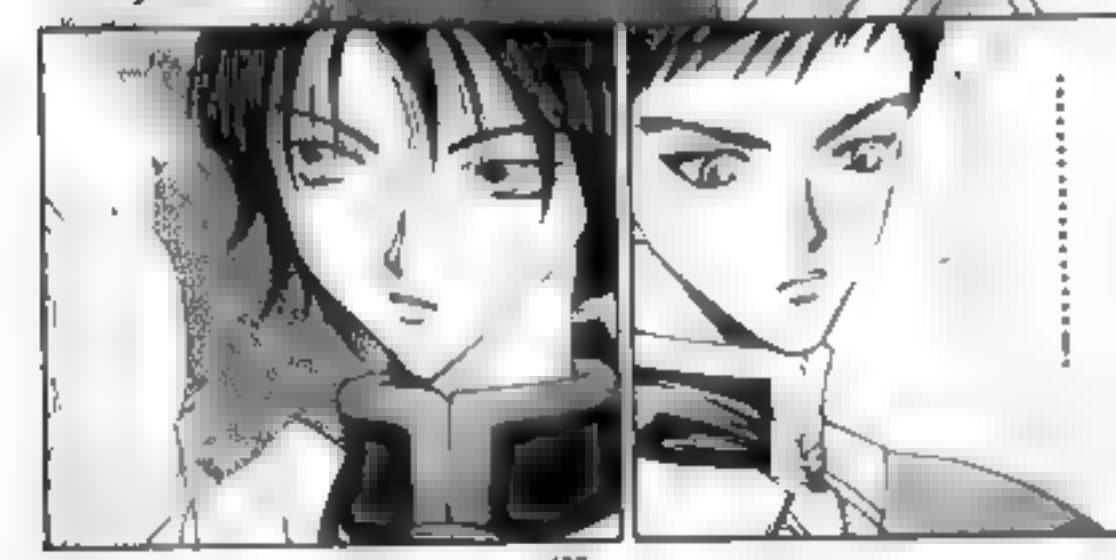


AND
DO I
REALLY
WANT AN
ANSWER
TO THAT
QUESTION?











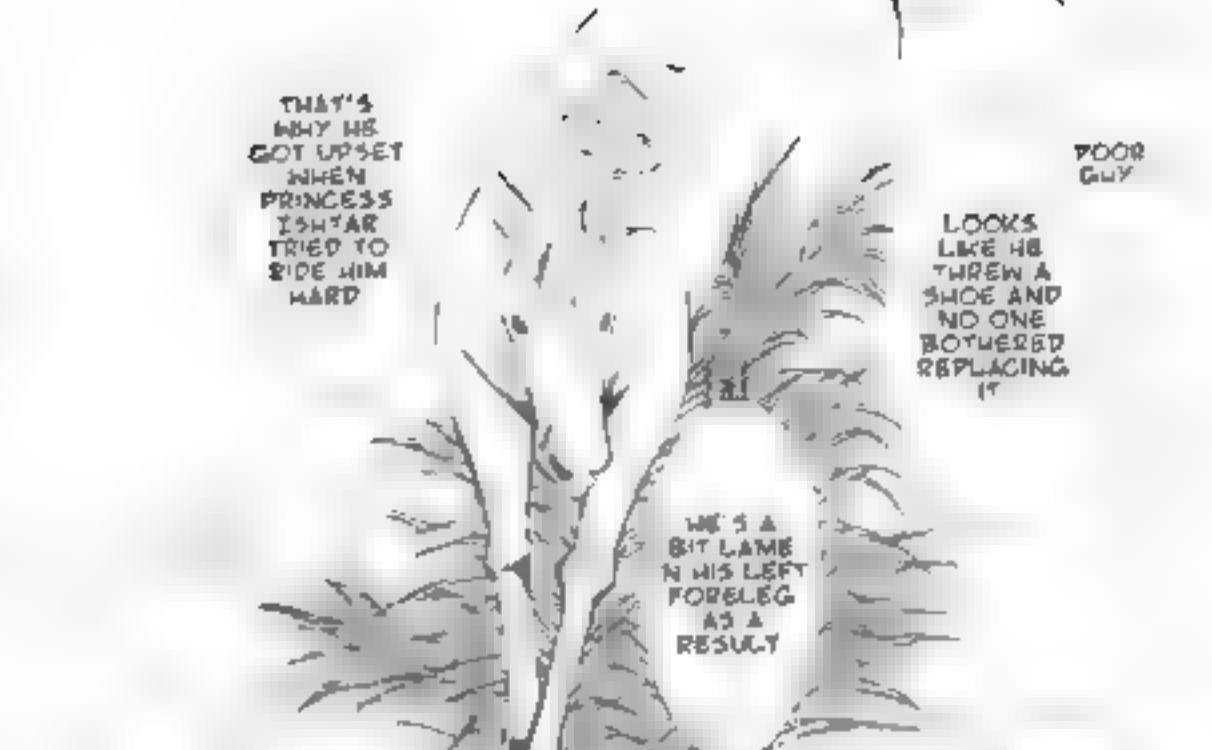
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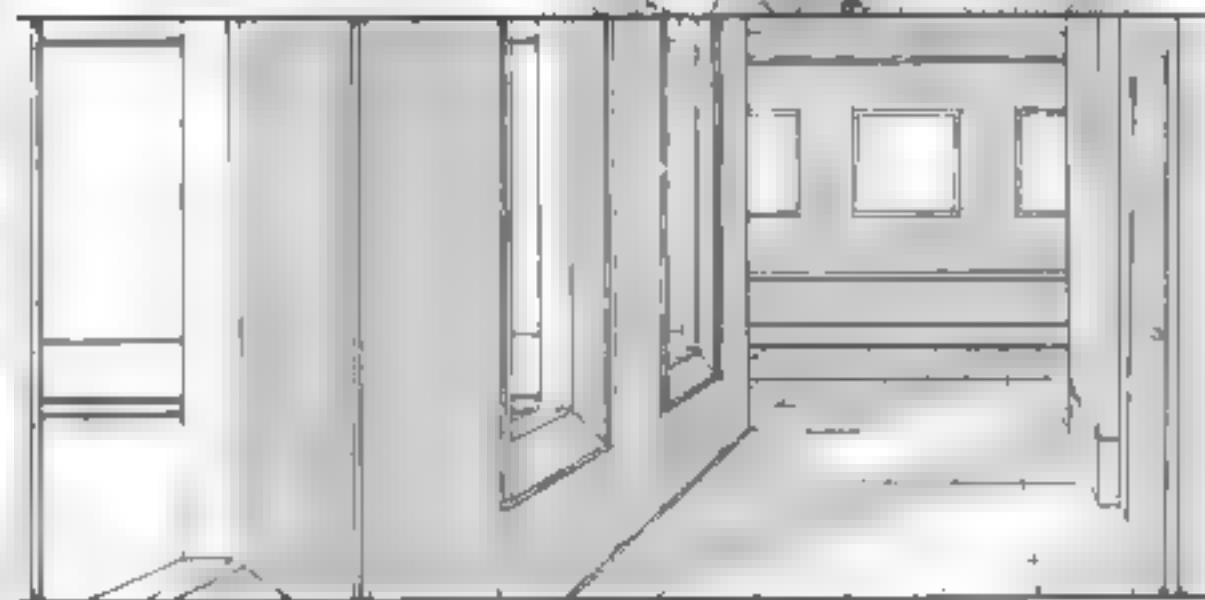
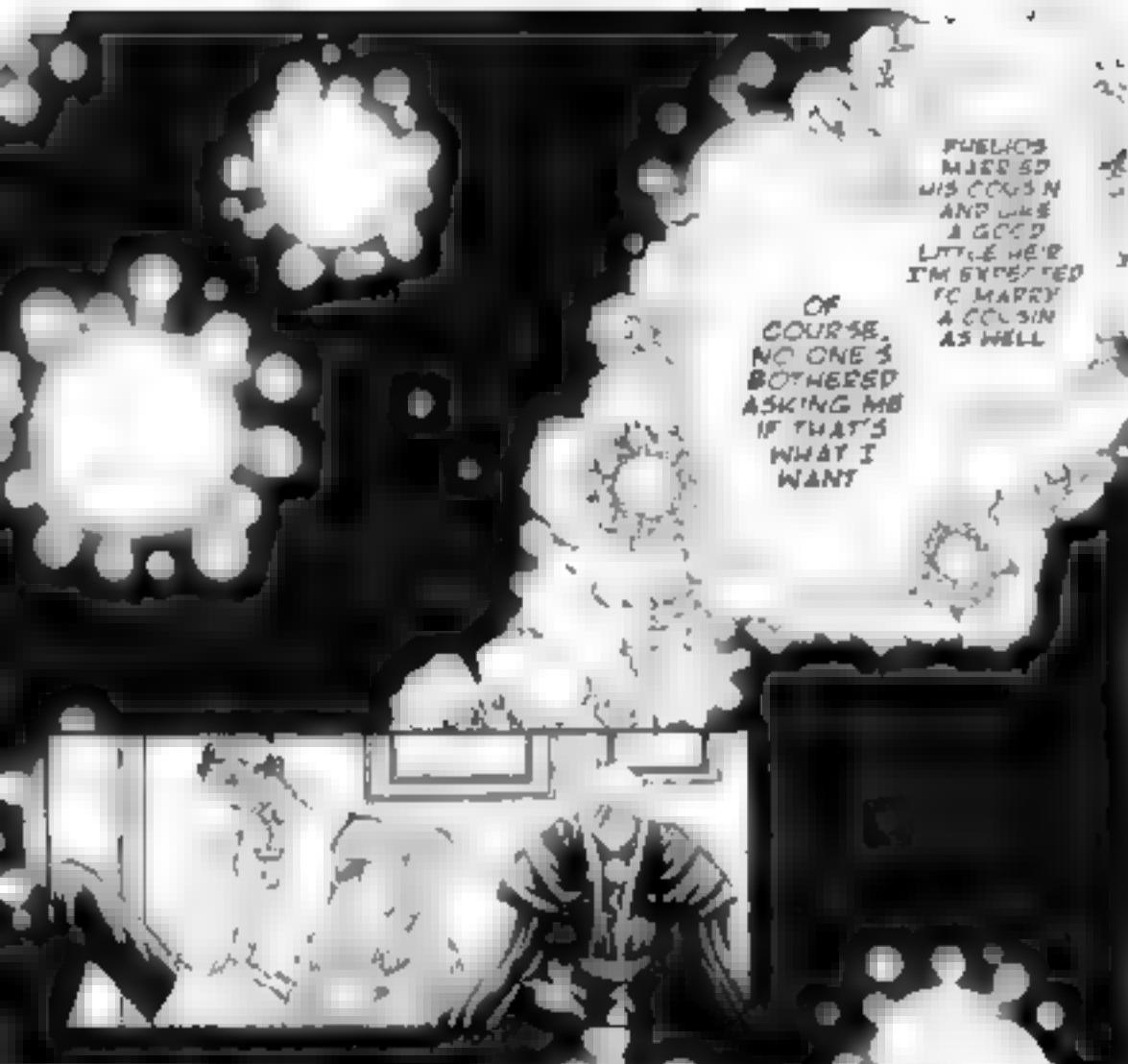


CONSIDERING THAT YU-JINNE AND LEENE USED TO BE LOVERS

WE'VE REALLY GOT SOME GUYS TALKING TO ASHLEY LIKE THAT



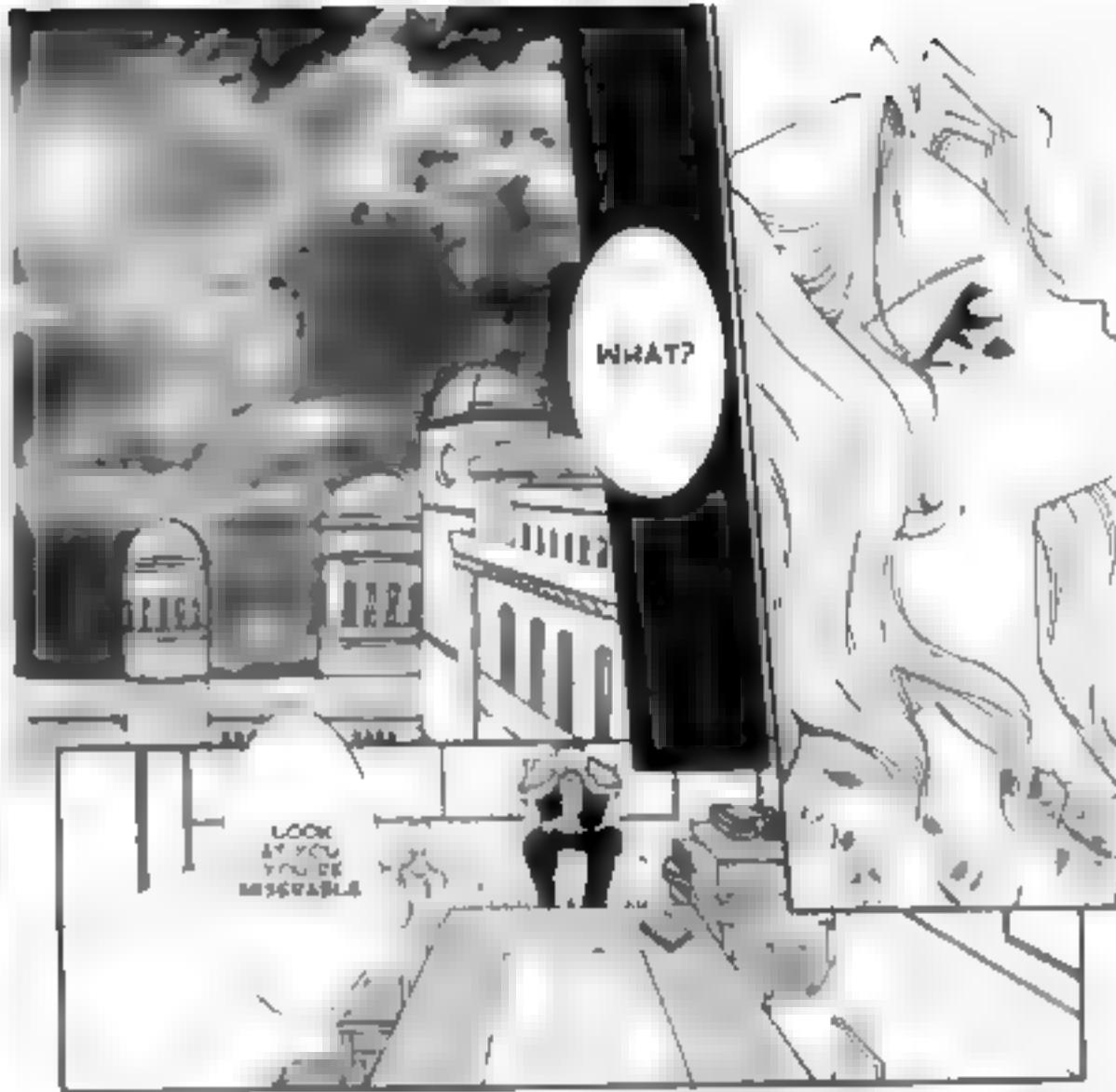








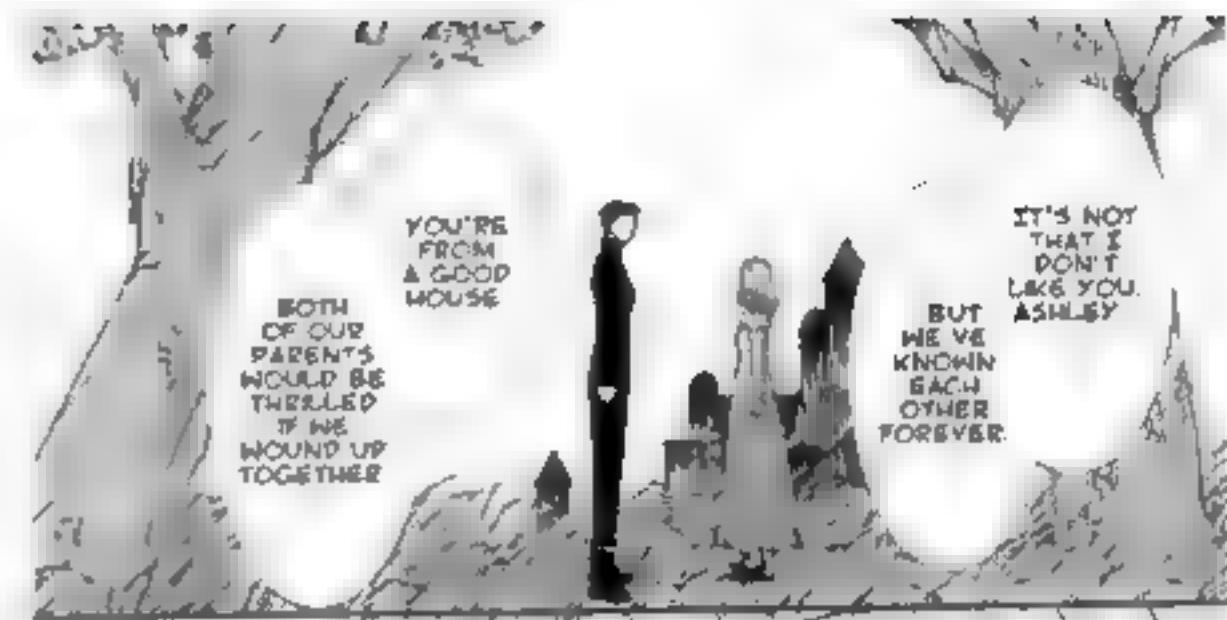
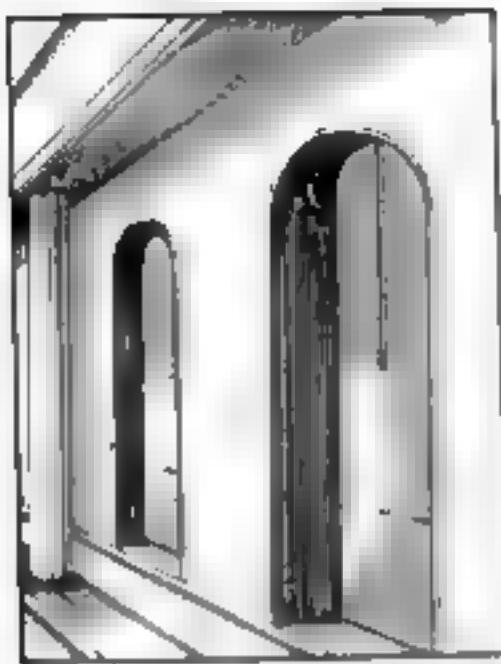


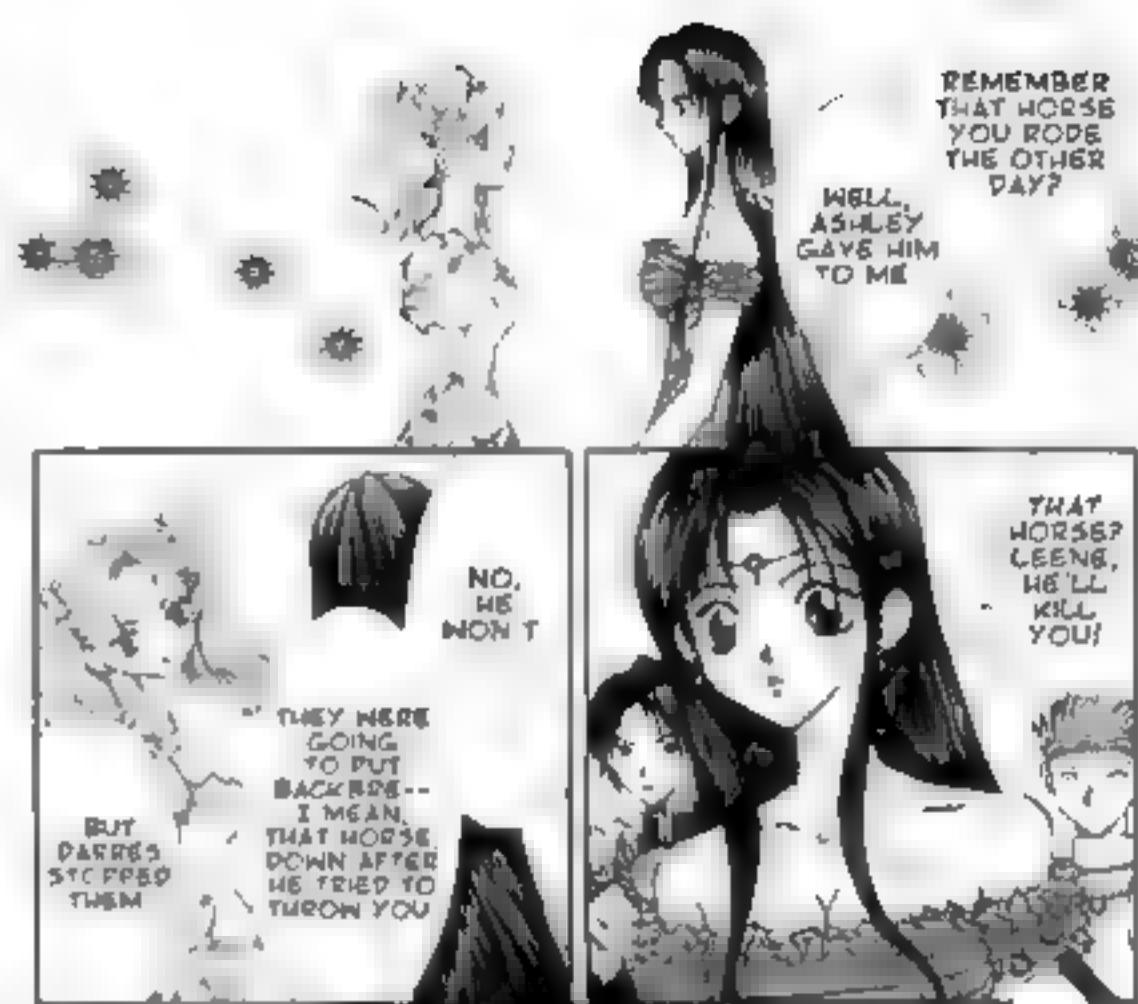




EVEN IF
THEY'RE
THE
WRONG
ONES







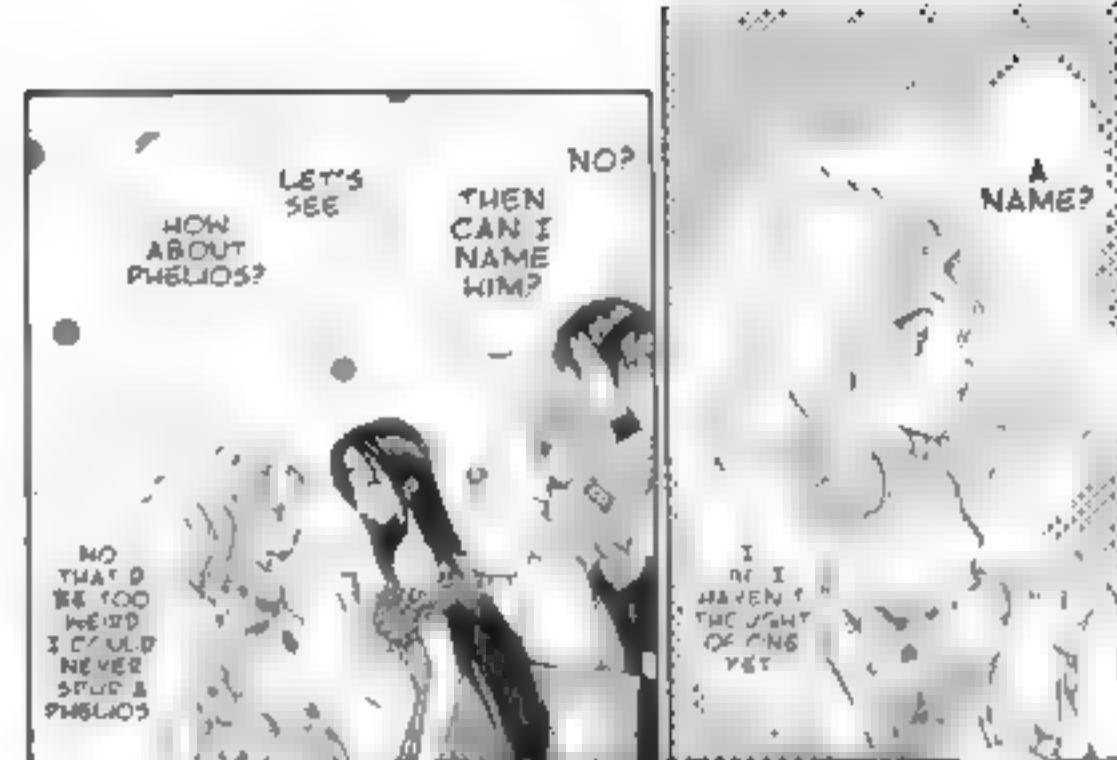


OF COURSE'



AND I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW

YUP



HOW ABOUT PHELIOS?

NO THAT'D BE TOO WEIRD I COULD NEVER STICK A PHELIOS

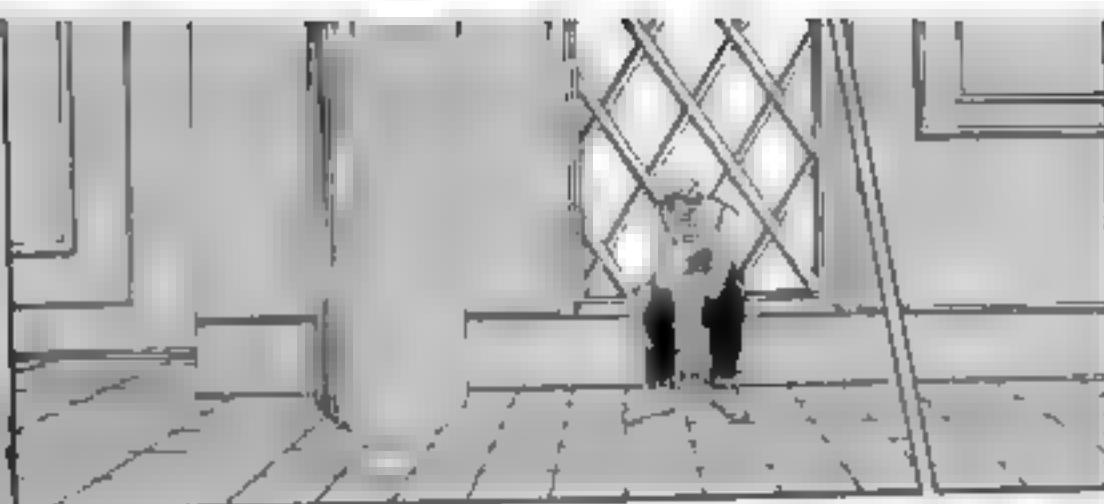
THEN CAN I NAME HIM?

I MEAN I HAVEN'T THOUGHT OF ONE YET

A NAME?



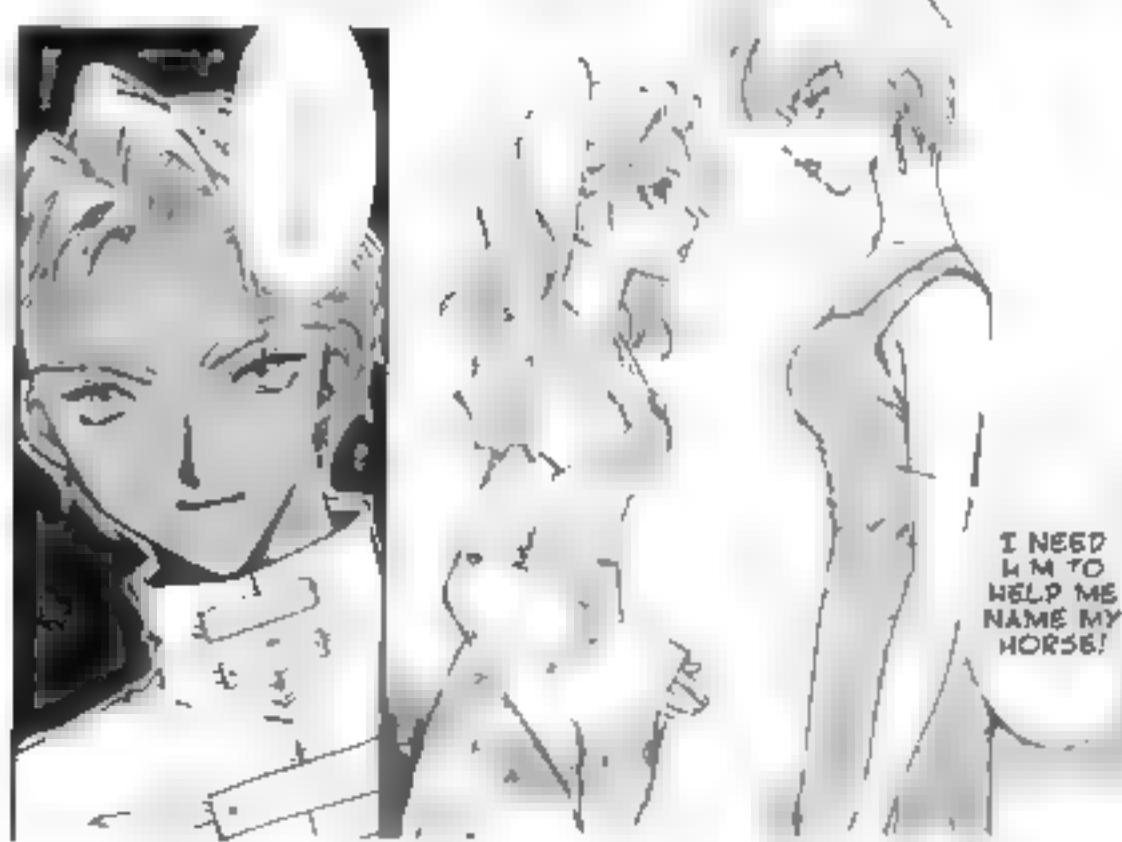
LOOK HE'S MY HORSE, OKAY? I'M GONNA NAME HIM!

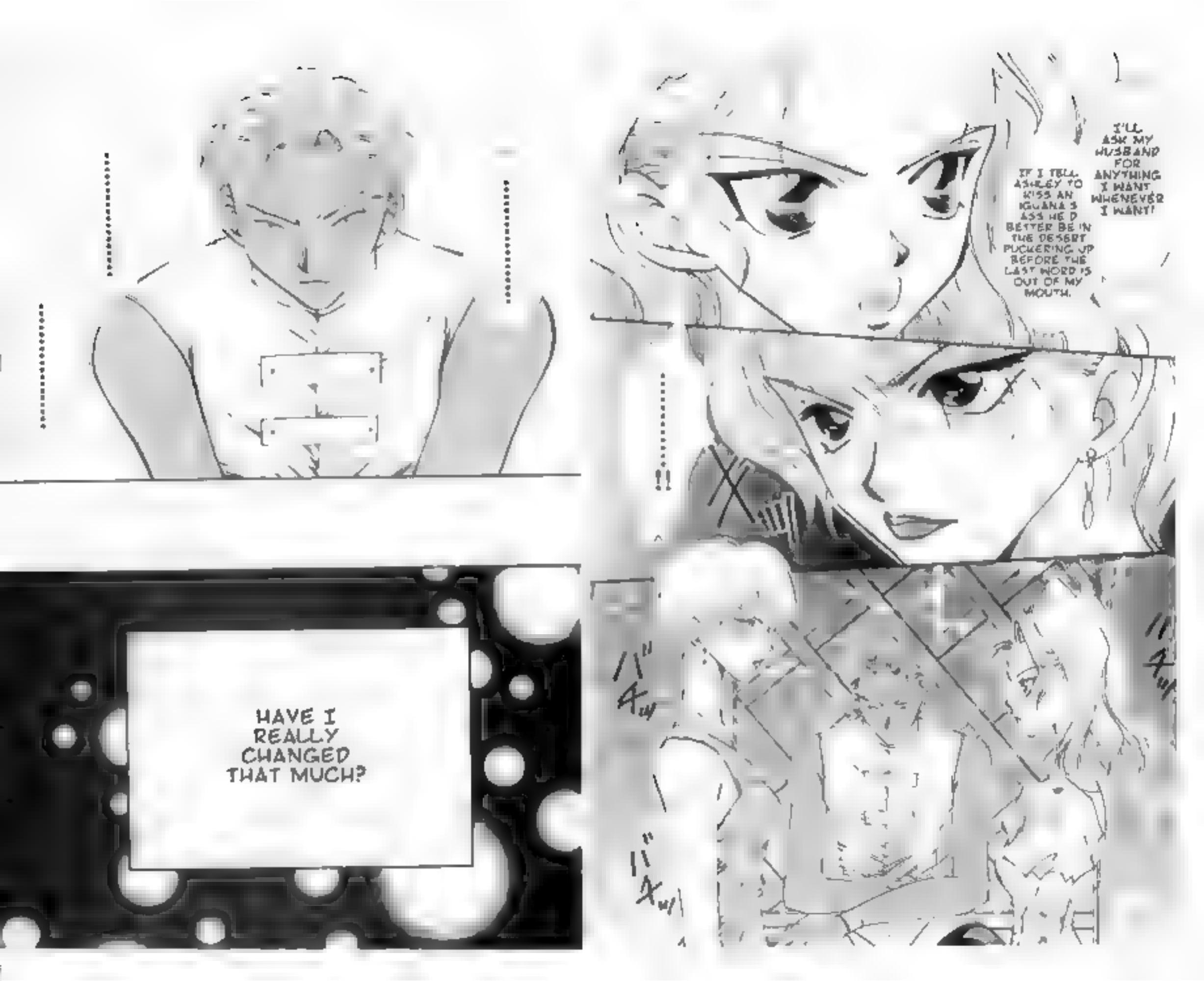


IS IT BECAUSE THE ISHTAR I LOVE...

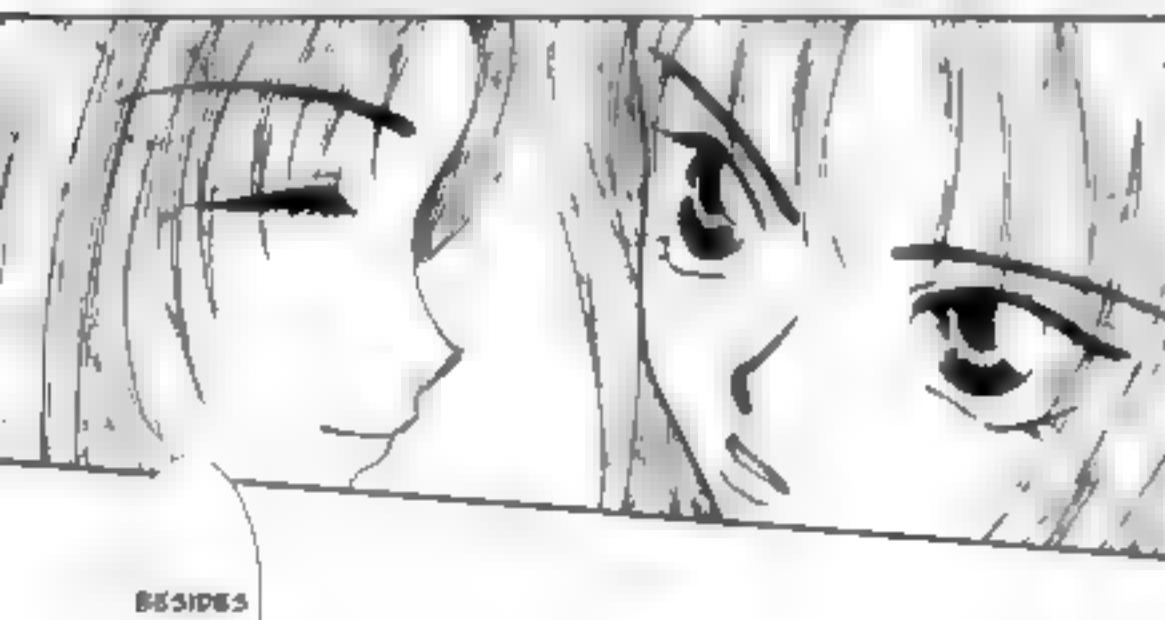


















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Next issue...



Leone literally plays her cards. With three different pawns to choose from, Leone is forced to swing the weapon she believes is responsible for shooting Yorjel's heart. The first of the three tools kills the innocent, the second makes the victim go home, and the third brings about an untimely death. Yet despite all evidence to the contrary, Leone does have a conscience. Dying in death is not her forte, and the fact that she's beginning to like Private's letter certainly doesn't help.

Meanwhile, the rest of our crew must decide what to do if the plan goes through with her plan. And while the issue may be clear-cut to Darren, Yorjel and Lucy, it's not to Ashley. Leone is his wife, after all. Ashley has more on call to defend ZJ Akis and his extensive, Platonic, but how can he possibly choose between the woman he loves and the country he's sworn to protect?

Postscript



Carbuncle



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When the news of Prince Yutjel's return reaches everyone in Zi Alda, all hell breaks loose, leaving Ishtar, Duzell and Dorres speechless. Lady Leene's resentment becomes more apparent—although married to Captain Ashley, she still holds a flame for the prince. As her fury grows, so does the plot to destroy Ishtar and all those close to her!



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